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DANGEROUS CHAPEI SITUATION.

TENRYU MARU ON SHOAL NEAR WOOSUNG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 2, 9.31 a.m.
THE TEMPORARY LULL in the street fighting has not been interrupted, though sniping has been going on steadily through the night.

The comparative calm is, however, suspect. There is reason to fear a serious renewal of battle. Thousands of Chinese troops are now concentrating at the Shanghai North Station and both sides appear to be ready for action at the slightest provocation.

A concerted drive is, in fact, expected in the immediate future—it may be commenced at any moment—and it is being awaited with some anxiety by the Japanese forces now in Chapei.

It was learned late last night that the 2,500-ton Japanese steamer, Tenryu Maru, registered at Hochi, an old British ship, ran aground on the shoals near the Woosung Forts.

Two destroyers, the Kuma and the Kire, which were proceeding at this time down the Whangpoo and which were planning to stand-by the distressed ship, were fired upon by troops lining the banks and from the Forts.

The Chinese were silenced and the destroyers are affording protection to the Tenryu Maru.

The Post Office staff returned to duty to-day and are operating under a strong guard, provided by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Twenty-four additional Japanese planes arrived in Shanghai yesterday and another forty-six are expected to-day. The total will then be 130.

BRITISH JOURNALIST MISSING.

ATTEMPTED CHAPEI RESCUE: NOT SEEN SINCE SATURDAY.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH").

Shanghai, Feb. 2.
The gravest anxiety is now felt regarding the safety and whereabouts of Mr. Henry Benson Currie, a British journalist who has been missing since Saturday evening when he went to Chapei in an endeavour to rescue the mother of a Chinese friend.

Very little is known of Mr. Benson Currie, except that he is an Irishman who served in the Great War.

It is believed that he arrived in China only a few months ago. He was not registered at the British Consulate.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE ARMY DIVISION FOR SHANGHAI.

Tokyo, Feb. 2.
An important military conference was held late last night attended by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for War and the Navy Minister. It was tentatively decided to dispatch one army division to Shanghai to replace the bluejackets. The decision is subject to the approval of the Cabinet at its meeting to-day.

A Japanese division consists of two brigades of infantry, a regiment each of cavalry and artillery, and a battalion each of engineers and Army Service Corps.

A battalion of infantry from Tongking has been ordered to Shanghai to strengthen the defences of the French Concession.—*Reuter*.

Reuter's New York correspondent reports an announcement on behalf of leading Wall Street bankers, that neither China nor Japan will be able to obtain loans from New York or London for the purpose of financing a war.

SITUATION TENSE AND DANGEROUS.

CALMING EFFECT NOW HOPED FOR.

London, Feb. 1.

The Shanghai position continues to cause grave anxiety.

Reinforcements are being hastened by the British, United States and French Governments to ensure the safety of their nationals in the International Settlement. It is hoped their arrival will have a calming effect within the Settlement, where the situation is tense and dangerous.

Neutral forces in the Settlement were to-day supplemented by a body of marines landed from H. M. S. Suffolk, which arrived from Hongkong, and the Hongkong-Singapore Artillery Brigade are following with the Argylls in H.M.S. Berwick.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, Commander-in-Chief, China Station, is now proceeding from Batavia and is due in Shanghai on Friday.

A Washington message says Admiral Taylor will reach Shanghai on Wednesday with reinforcements, including some hundreds of marines, seven United States destroyers having gone ahead.

Highest Morale.

The presence of these reinforcements should afford some relief to the neutral forces, which throughout the critical days have maintained the highest morale under conditions of extreme difficulty, aggravated by the influx of refugees.

The safety of the Settlement has been jeopardised by Japanese action in using portions of it, according to local observers, as a base for operations.

Strongly worded representations have been made on the subject at Tokyo by the British and American Governments.

Bursts of Firing.

Meanwhile, although the armistice appears to be maintained so far as the larger bodies of troops in the area is concerned, the danger which is inherent in the close proximity of Chinese and Japanese in the north-eastern suburbs is continually emphasised by bursts of firing.

Unremitting efforts are being made by neutral consular and other officials to make the truce effective, and schemes to this end continue under consideration.

Settlement Defence.

Conditions appear to be quiet along the Settlement borders, which are patrolled by neutral forces. The French are guarding their own Concession, the British are responsible for the north-west area, the Italians are guarding part of the northern boundary. Americans are located in the north along the Soochow creek, and the Volunteers are at a point opposite North Station.

The area of acute tension is in Hongkew, where the Japanese have posted their marines outside the Settlement.—*British Wireless*

BRITISH ANXIETY.

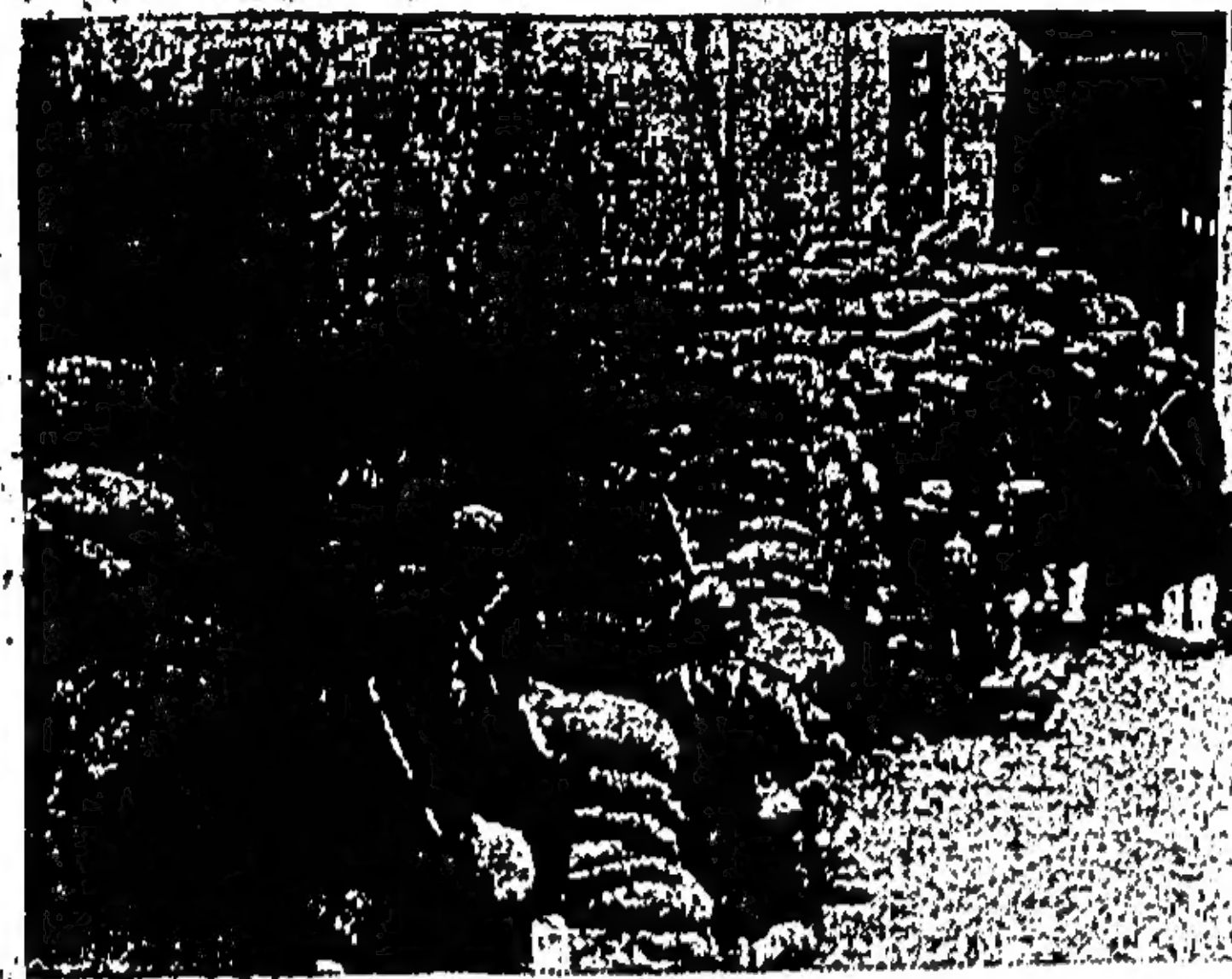
ACTIVITY AT NO. 10.

London, Feb. 1.

In the capitals of all countries with interests in the International Settlement, the situation in Shanghai has been anxiously examined during the day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, devoted the greater part of the day to consultations with Ministers and others on the situation.

During the morning he conferred with Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, and this afternoon Lord Halifax, the Secretary for War and Field Marshal Sir George Milne, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, visited No. 10, Downing Street.—*British Wireless*



It is feared that another serious outbreak of fighting is imminent. The Chinese are massing troops at the North Station and the Japanese are anxiously preparing for an attack. Our photo shows a Japanese warship near military headquarters.

LEAGUE INQUIRY IN SHANGHAI.

AMERICA'S CURIOUS ATTITUDE.

Geneva, Feb. 1.

The United States Government have declined to participate officially in the League Inquiry into the Shanghai outbreak, though they are prepared to co-operate with the work of the Commission to a certain extent.

The American reply to Sir Eric Drummond's request was presented to the Secretary-General by Mr. Prentiss Gilbert this morning.

The Reply says that while agreeing to work with the Commission of Inquiry at Shanghai, the Government cannot accept membership of the Commission as the Council's decision regarding its appointment was not unanimous. The American Consul-General will, however, be instructed to furnish Sir Eric Drummond with all the materials at his disposal.—*Reuter*.

NO DECLARATION OF WAR.

THE RIGHT OF SELF-PRESERVATION.

Geneva, Feb. 1.

A telegram from the Chinese Foreign Minister has been communicated to the League Secretariat describing an entirely groundless the Press reports that China was preparing to declare war on Japan.

China, he states, is merely exercising the right of self-preservation.

While Japan is relentlessly pursuing a policy of violence and aggression, China is faithfully observing her international obligations. As long as the Japanese forces refrain from violence, the Chinese will not be hostile.—*Reuter*.

The Telegraph published a similar official denial yesterday.

JAPANESE ACTION IN CANTON.

CHINESE REPORT "SECOND THOUGHTS."

It is reported from Chinese sources that the Japanese Consul-General in Canton yesterday interviewed the Mayor (M. T. K. Ching) regarding the protest and demands lodged by the Consul-General a few days ago, concerning articles in the Canton Gazette and the Kwai Wo Po.

It is stated the Consul-General agreed to withdraw the demands and to telegraphically request that the intended despatch of Japanese warships to Canton be cancelled. He also asked the Mayor to notify the public not to misunderstand the situation.

The Mayor enquired regarding the number of Japanese residents in Canton and was informed that there were none in Canton City and only a few in Shamsen.

In regard to the Swatow situation, he said that there had been a misunderstanding and did not anticipate that any further trouble would occur. He is reported to have indicated that the Japanese demands in Swatow would be withdrawn.

JAPAN COMPLAINS TO LEAGUE.

CHINA STRENGTHENING DEFENCES.

Geneva, Feb. 1.

Mr. Sato, the Japanese Ambassador in Belgium, and representative of Japan on the League Council, has communicated a telegram to the League accusing the Chinese of violating the armistice in Shanghai by a "treacherous attack" which compelled the Japanese to retire.

Mr. Sato draws the attention of the League to China's "provocative measures" such as the despatch of forty aeroplanes from Chinchow.

"We are determined to act with the Powers. Our authorities are in close contact with other consular and military authorities. We have no political ambitions in Shanghai and have no intention of injuring the rights and interests of the Powers."—*Reuter*.

LYTTON INQUIRY.

NOT TRAVELLING VIA SIBERIA.

London, Feb. 1.

The Earl of Lytton, the British Representative and Chairman of the League of Nations Commission appointed to investigate the Sino-Japanese dispute in Manchuria, will sail for New York from Le Havre on Wednesday, together with the other four members of the Commission.—*British Wireless*.

SNATCHER ROBS AN AMAH.

PRISON SENTENCE AND BIRCHING.

An amah in the employ of Mrs. Ashley, of the Park Hotel, was the victim of a snatching incident in the Wanchow district late last night when a man grabbed her handbag containing \$150. The man was chased by a constable on duty and arrested.

On being brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, the thief was sentenced to three months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the birch. His Worship, remarking that he could not see how he could give a lighter sentence, as this sort of thing was very serious in Hongkong.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy informed his Worship that the amah went to Wanchow last night and there met a friend with whom she went shopping in the Central District. The couple returned to Wanchow at about 11 p.m. and in Fervat Street they separated. The defendant came up behind the complainant and snatched her handbag, which she was carrying under her arm. The alarm was raised and a constable on duty arrested the defendant.

In reply to his Worship, defendant said he had no work to do and had not had a meal for two days. He had snatched the handbag in a moment of temptation.

DEVELOPMENT OF WATERFRONT CLASH.

COMPLETE PANIC IN THE CITY.

A DEPLORABLE IMPRESSION has been created all over the world by Press messages announcing that at midnight, a Japanese cruiser opened a bombardment upon Hsia Kwan at Nanking, to which the Chinese artillery replied. Terror and confusion reigned in the city, which was plunged into darkness.

On Sunday, the Japanese Consul-General in Nanking gave an assurance that the Japanese naval forces had no intention of attacking the city and steps were taken by the Chinese to avoid a misunderstanding.

Reuter cables this morning stating that the shelling of Nanking took place following a clash between Chinese troops and Japanese marines on the waterfront. The clash is alleged to have been provoked by the Japanese, who are said to have opened fire on a Chinese patrol.

ORDERS NOT TO RETALIATE.

The Japanese warships in Nanking Harbour, spread terror throughout the city by firing heavy shells at the forts on Lion Hill near the waterfront. Altogether, it is reported, twenty shells were fired. The Chinese troops received urgent orders not to retaliate, however, and by one o'clock this morning, there was no more firing.

The outbreak caused complete panic in the city, the inhabitants seeking refuge wherever they could. The confusion became worse confounded when immediately following the opening of the firing, the police cut off the electricity supply, plunging the city into darkness. In addition, motor-cars were ordered to switch off their headlights and rickshaw coolies were ordered to blow out their lamps.

The Stygian gloom was relieved only by the searchlights from the Nanking aerodrome, which swept searchingly across the sky in quest of Japanese bombing planes, while the anti-aircraft gunners rushed to their posts.

The Nanking leaders have been anticipating an aerial attack on the capital, but no machines were visible during the night and no bombs were dropped.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO STOP TROOPS.

Among the stories in circulation regarding the affair is one to the effect that the Japanese warships tried to sink the launches in which the members of the National Guards Division from Honan were crossing the river from Fukow to reinforce the local garrison.

Up to the moment, there are no reports of the actual damage caused by the Japanese shelling, though Chinese officials declare that several of the shells hit the forts.

SILVER AGAIN RISES.

HONGKONG DOLLAR ADVANCES.

With silver having jumped 11/16ths in London and half a point in New York, the Hongkong dollar rose a further farthing this morning, the demand rate being 1s. 5-5/16d.

Both in Hongkong and Shanghai, however, rates are nominal, and no business is passing. The London rise in silver is chiefly due to scarcity of sellers, but after the official fixing, the market ruled weaker, due to America selling.

The Shanghai situation is responsible for the absence of business.

OPIUM INSIDE BRICKS.

SMUGGLERS' LATEST.

Further evidence of the ingenious methods adopted by opium smugglers was forthcoming before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning, when a man was charged with being in possession of 112 taels of raw opium. Revenue Officer, who told the

UTTER ROUT FOR SOUTHPORT.

COLLAPSE IN F.A. CUP REPLAY.

London, Feb. 1.

After two splendid displays against Newcastle in the F.A. Cup Competition, Southport collapsed in the second replay to-day, suffering defeat by nine clear goals. The match was played at Sheffield.

Stoke City defeated Sunderland by two goals to one at their third meeting.

In the next round, to be played on Saturday week, Newcastle are at home to Leicester and Stoke pay a visit to Bury.

In a First Division league match to-day, West Ham shared points with Huddersfield Town. The final score was 1-1.—*Reuter*.

Court that the defendant arrived from Canton by the night boat and was seen leaving the wharf carrying two baskets, in each of which was a large cement brick and tools. The bricks were not as heavy as they appeared to be, and when broken, the opium was found inside contained in two tin boxes. The defendant was aged 25, of nine months' imprisonment for default of the opium, and was charged with being in possession of 112 taels of raw opium. Revenue Officer, who told the

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ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

MR. DAVID DAVIES THE
NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. David Davies was elected president of the St. David's Society of Hongkong in succession to Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones at the annual meeting of the Society held in the Chamber of Commerce offices yesterday.

The following members were present:—Mr. David Davies, Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Mr. R. R. Davies, Mrs. J. G. Hooper, Miss F. M. Hughes, Mr. W. T. Lewis, Capt. R. D. Thomas, Mr. D. F. Davis, and Mr. E. R. Price (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones presided at the outset, and proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which were unanimously carried.

The Report.

The report read:—
At St. David's Day fell on a Sunday, the Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, 28th February.

We were pleased to welcome to the Dinner representatives of Officers and Men of the 1st Battalion, The South Wales Borderers, including the Male Voice Choir, whose singing was a most enjoyable feature of the evening. The thanks of the Committee are also due to the following Members who contributed to the programme of entertainment: Mrs. F. C. Rendall, Mrs. J. G. Hooper and Mr. D. M. Richards.

On St. David's Day, a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by the President, supported by Members of the Committee and other Members of the Society.

Telegraphic messages of congratulations were exchanged between the Society and Welsh Societies in Shanghai and Bombay.

The Society again supported Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Ex-Servicemen by contributing \$30 for poppies which were designed in the form of the Welsh Dragon and laid on the Cenotaph on the 11th November.

Officers.

After his election to the presidency, Mr. David Davies occupied the chair, when the following officers were appointed:—Mr. R. R. Davies (Vice-President), Mr. E. R. Price (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer); committee, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. F. C. Rendall, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. D. F. Davis and Mr. W. T. Lewis.

It was decided to again hold a dinner to celebrate St. David's



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Day on Tuesday, March 1, and it was agreed that invitations be sent to representatives of the South Wales Borderers to attend, as well as the Male Voice Choir. A suggestion that the subscription be raised to \$5 per annum was referred to the next annual meeting.

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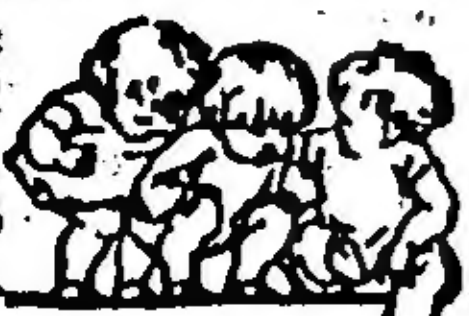
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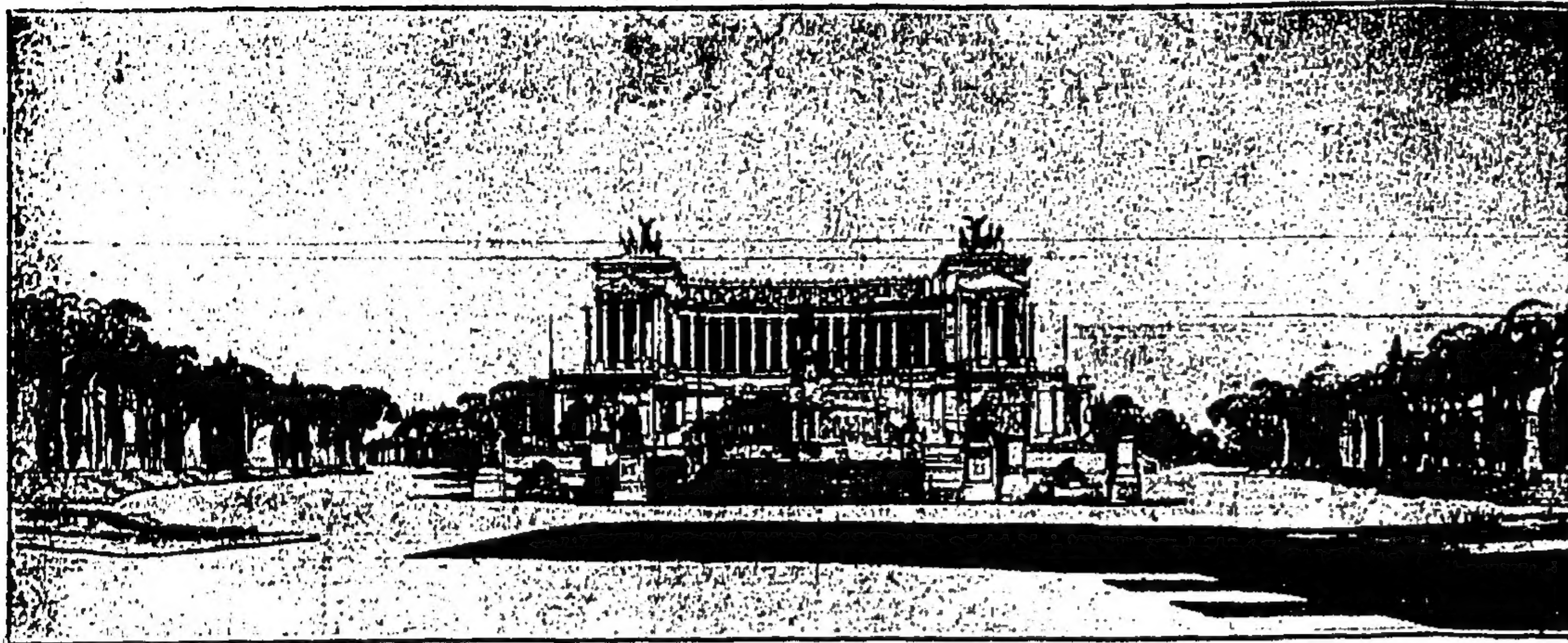
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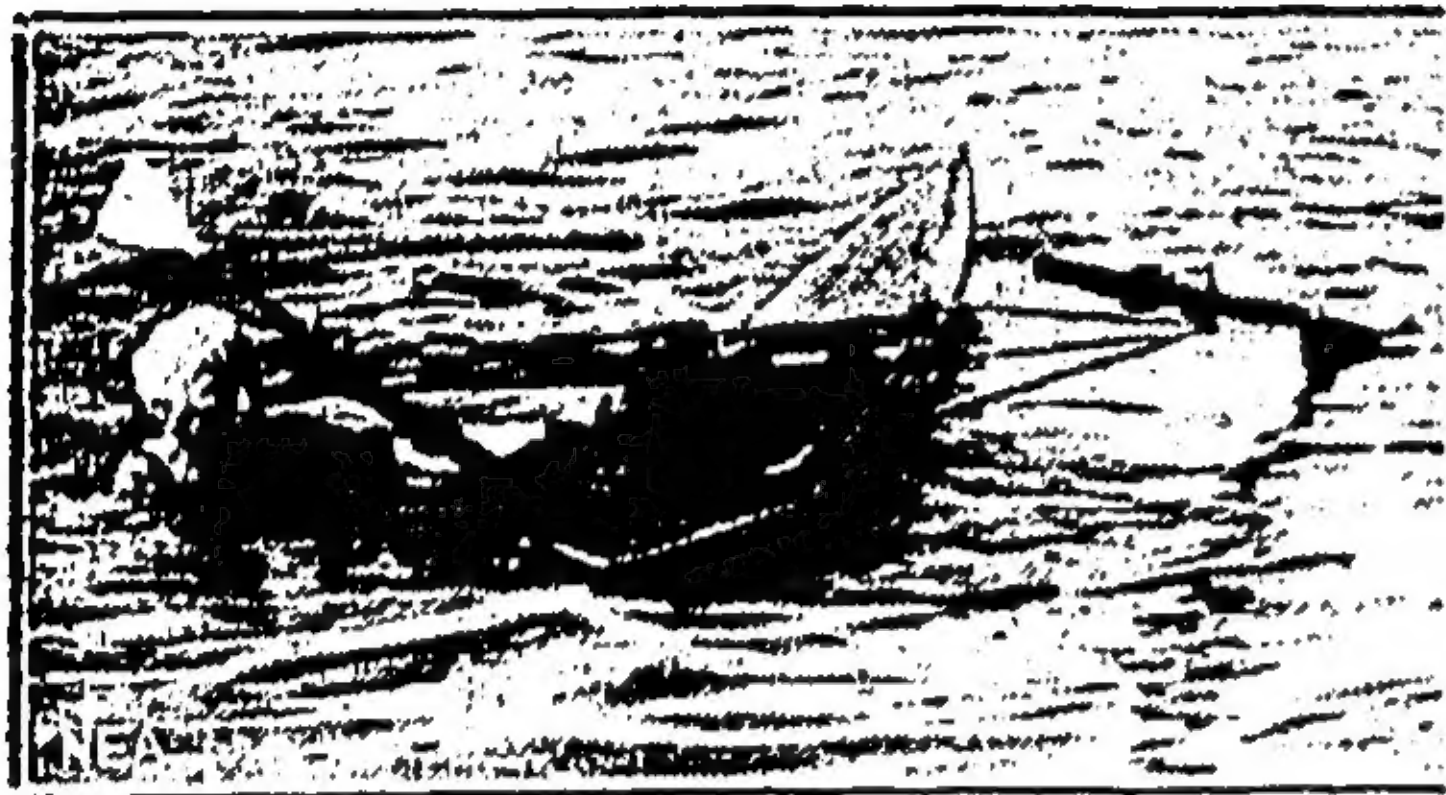
TOWN PLANNING IN BEAUTIFUL ROME: DOUGIE AT ST. MORITZ.



A sketch illustrating Senator Corrado Ricci's plan for planting trees round the Victor Emanuel monument in Rome. In addition to the second phase, in the operations for isolating the monument, the opening of the new road which is to join the Piazza Venezia with the Colosseum has begun.—(Times copyright).



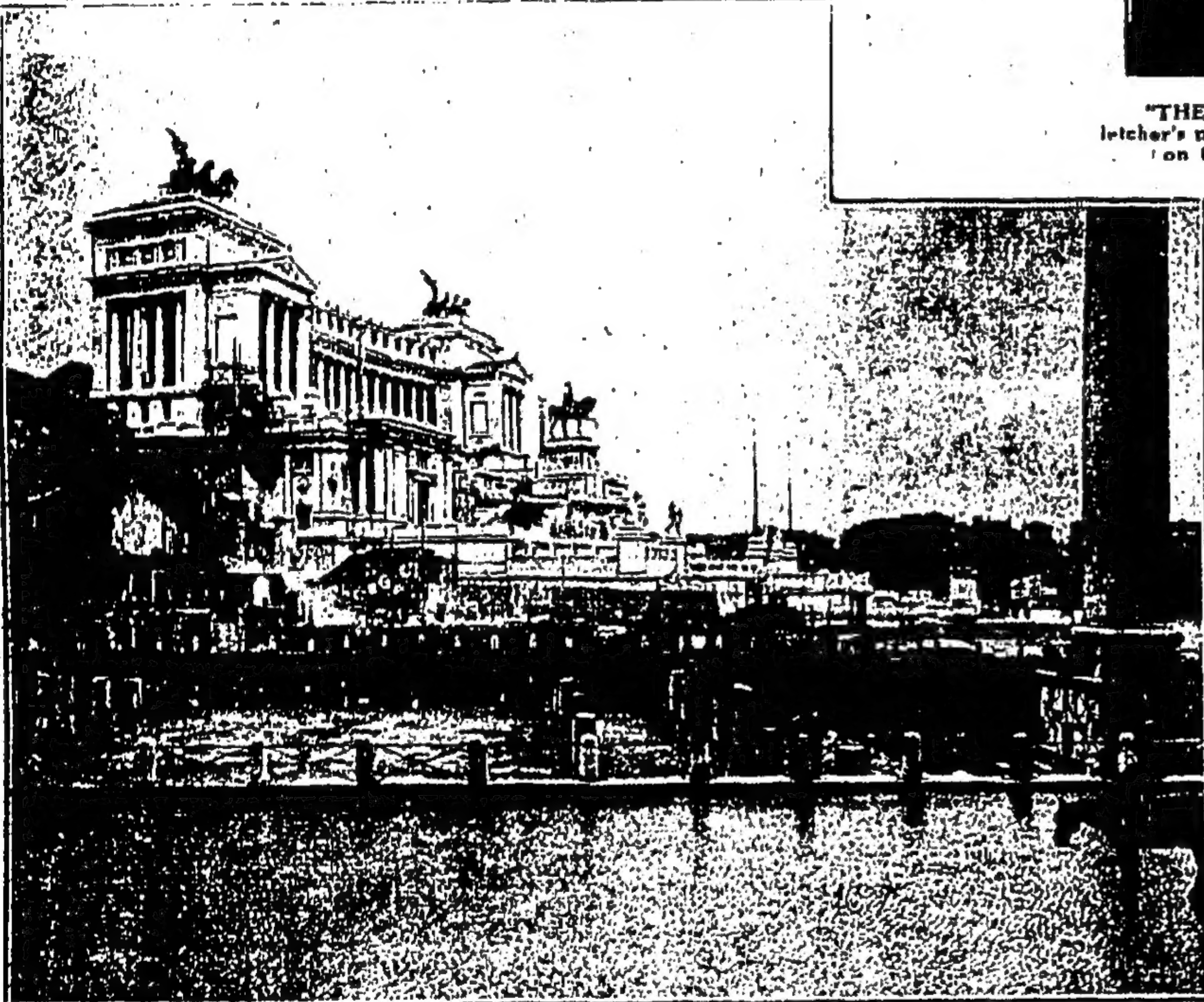
Douglas Fairbanks on the ski run near St. Moritz, Switzerland, recently.



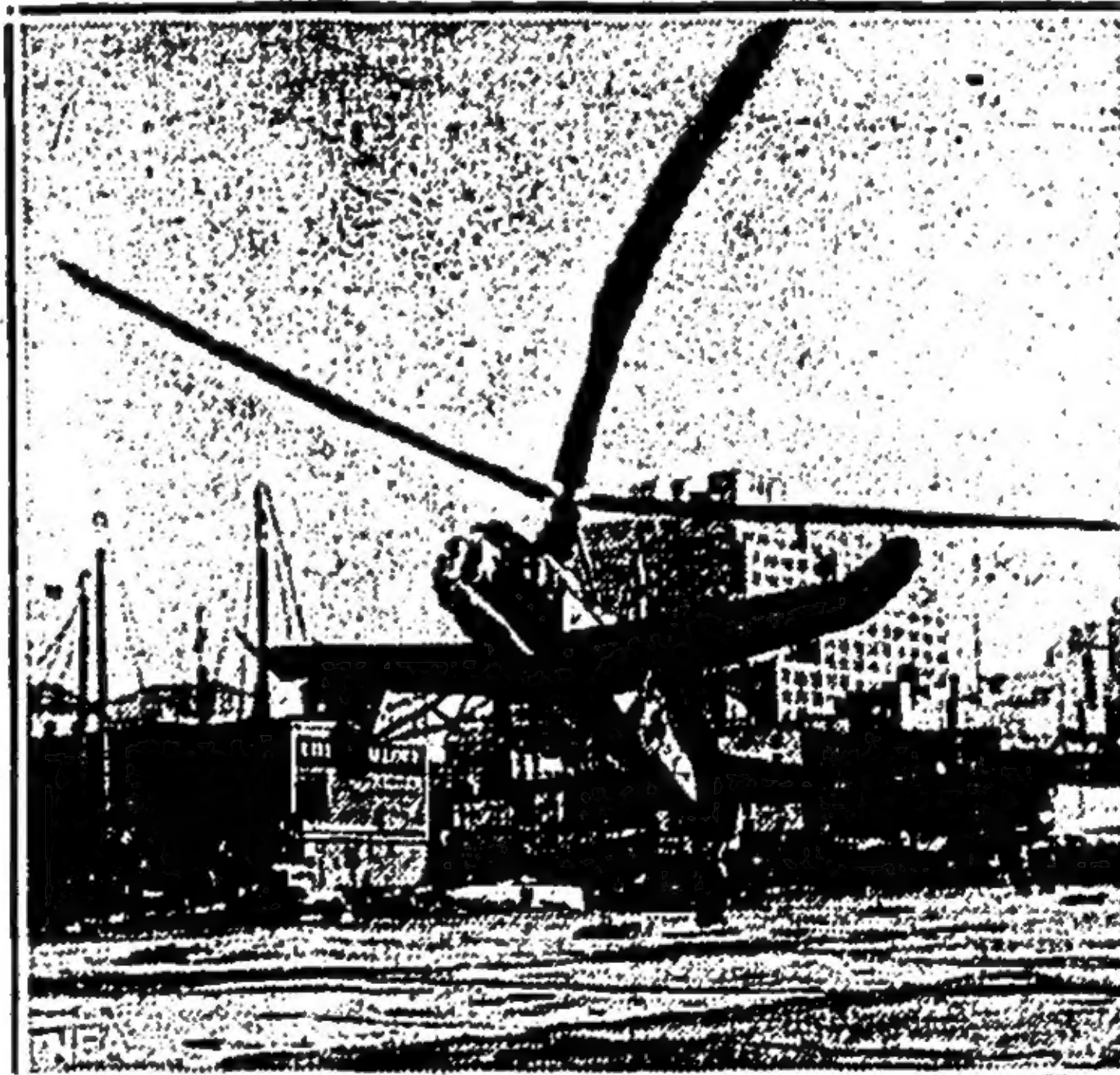
Gar Wood, the American motorboat expert, made slower progress through the water when he took a spill from a skiff and had to swim for the shore. Photo shows the Commodore immediately after his ducking.



"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE". A scene from Beaumont and Litcher's play, which is to be produced at the Old Vic. Miss Sybil Thorndike (seated on the right) takes the part of the Citizen's wife.—(Times copyright).



The demolition of all buildings now standing between Trajan's Forum and the Victor Emanuel Monument in Rome is now in progress, and our picture shows the houses have been demolished. The work is part of the scheme for the new planning of the city.—(Times copyright).



The air, sea and land transportation represented in this picture may presage a new form of taxi service. For the autogiro is shown taking off from a New York pier, where it had landed amid trucks and autos. Its passenger was Juan La Cerva inventor of the craft, who had just landed from a liner.

Gems of Peril

HAZEL CROSS HALEY

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Mary Harkness plots to ensnare The Fly, who "framed" her brother, Eddie, with the murder of Mrs. Jupiter and ran him down to keep him from telling. She is aided by Mr. Jupiter and Bowen of the Star. Mary's dance, Dirk Harkness, believes Eddie guilty and breaks with Mary when she will not give up the investigation.

Mary sails for Miami on the Jupiter yacht to follow The Fly. Bruce Jupiter and Countess Louise, a questionable friend, go along. They vow to root Mary, who they consider a gold-digger trying to steal Bruce's inheritance. Bruce quarrels with Louise over a diamond bracelet the navy belongs to Mary. De Loma gave it to her as security for a loan. Bruce makes her give the bracelet to Mary, who discovers it was stolen from Mrs. Jupiter the night she was killed.

Louise introduces the party to Count De Loma, who Mary learns is The Fly. Using the Jupiter necklace as bait, Mary dances with him. He gets it from her by a ruse, then blames her. Dirk knocks him down.

Injured and unconscious, Dirk is taken aboard the yacht, the "Gypsy." The Fly goes along and tries again to steal the necklace. Bowen gives Mary proof that the countess is an adventuress. The "Gypsy" sails with all on board. The Fly realizes he has walked into a trap. The "Gypsy" goes aground on a reef.

The boat, monolog and continual sight of old Fort Jefferson prison nearby drive the Fly nearly frantic.

CHAPTER XLV

De Loma pushed Mary roughly to one side and leaned over the rail, peering down into the clear water. The moon shivered it so that it was like a mirror to one looking down from above.

Bates jumped almost as quickly as The Fly had and seized him by the arm.

"What do you mean by speaking to Miss Harkness that way?" he demanded, shaking the other's

Three days passed, as like as pen, except for the heat which grew steadily worse. The glare of the sun on the water was so bright it seared the eyeballs. The heat on deck was frightful but below stairs it was stifling. The tempers of all on board the "Gypsy" were strained to snapping point.

The boat's master alone remained tranquil and appeared to be enjoying himself. Every morning, before dawn, he was out in the dinghy, sometimes returning with a catch, sometimes not. Bates stayed behind, smoking interminably, in the shade of the bridge, unobtrusively keeping an eye on things. There was no longer any pretence of association between the others. All were tense, waiting, while overhead, in a corner of the chart-room, the tinkering with the radio apparatus went endlessly on.

Mary kept to herself—the monotony was wearing on her, too—but she did not go near Dirk again. The invalid's ankle was so much improved that he was able to be carried on deck, and there he and an amiable steward played bridge for hours on end.

De Loma had gone to his stateroom the night the necklace had taken its unexpected plunge overboard and came out only rarely. Louise was the restless one now. She had developed a savage temper and lashed at all who crossed her path, even Bruce. Described of the services of a beauty parlor and still wearing the same gown in which she had come aboard, she began to look less the siren and more the shrew.

That night—the night of the fourth day—Mary lay in her bed staring wild-eyed into the darkness. Sleep seemed farther away than the hot stars that hung low and burning bright in a sky that pressed down smotheringly just above her porthole window.

She tried to shake it off, but the sense of impending disaster was heavy on her heart. The crowded events of the last few days—Dirk's fight with De Loma, her anxiety for the necklace, his fury, resentment at being brought aboard the yacht, and then this unforeseen mishap—had been almost too much for her nerves.

It was breathlessly hot. Mary slipped on a thin black silk coat and stepped out on deck. Through the open portholes of Mr. Jupiter's stateroom came the sound of his heavy breathing. He, at least, could sleep, and she was thankful for that.

There was a faint breath of air—scarcely more than a stirring. She stood gratefully a moment in the black shadow cast by the upper deck, almost invisible in her black wrap. Back along the deck a stateroom door opened and someone stepped out on deck. Mary hesitated, uncertain whether to turn back. The other moved to the rail and stood there, apparently unaware of her existence. The girl stepped further back into the shadows and stood silent, waiting for him to go away.

Who could it be? She tried to estimate what door it was he had come from. Louise's door came first, then Bruce's, then De Loma's. He was not tall enough to be Bruce. He must be The Fly.

He stood a moment or two longer, then glided away down the deck

so softly that she was not aware of it until he had gone. That was curious! Without stopping to think, she kicked off her slippers and slipped silently along the wall after him.

At the first gangway she climbed quickly up to take refuge in the shadows under the lifeboat, perched there. Peering cautiously over the edge she saw him leaning over the rail, looking down at the little dinghy bobbing about in the uneasy sea.

"Looks like a storm coming up." A voice just beneath her caused her to jump. The Fly also must have been startled, for he swung about quickly.

Out of the shadows almost under Mary's nose the sailor on deck watch appeared and strolled over to the rail to join him.

"Storm, eh?" He turned back to staring at the sea.

The sailor apparently was lone-come for someone to talk to, and was not to be easily repulsed.

"Yes, sir, it certainly looks like we were in for a good one. See that black patch over there? That's one forming or I miss my guess."

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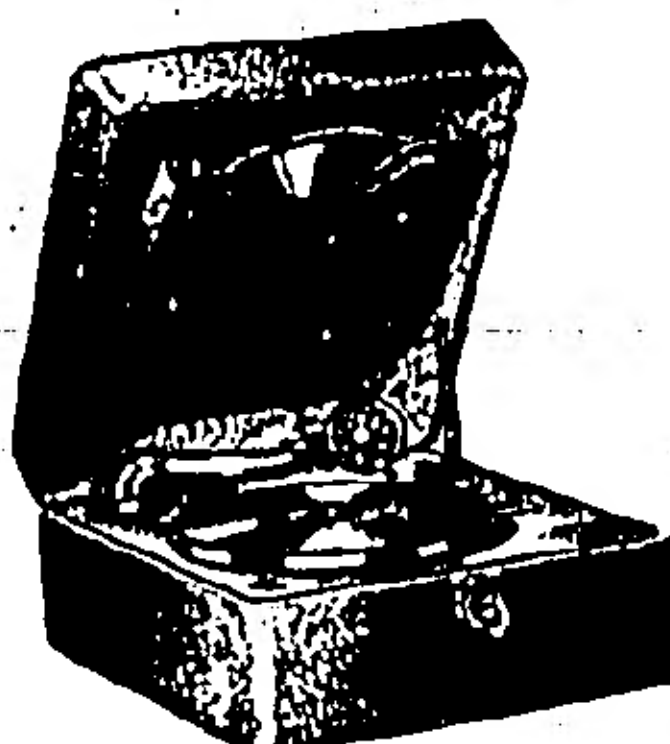
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1932, at 12.15 p.m. immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) by deleting the figures \$10,000.00 in the third line of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and substituting therefor the figures \$15,000.00.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Wednesday, the 2nd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit the above mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

Dated the 28th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board.

L. S. GREENHILL.

Secretary.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1932, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 1932, to Thursday, the 11th February, 1932, both days inclusive.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 12.15 p.m. on Friday, the 26th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained partly in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 95a of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution therefor of the words "Five thousand Dollars."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.15 p.m. on Friday, the 26th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1932-1933.

Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, for the supply of the under-mentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hongkong during the period 1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933, will be received by the Victualling Store Officer, H. M. Victualling Yard, Kowloon, until noon on Monday, 15th February, 1932:—

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11.30 in the forenoon immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$10,000,000.00 divided into 1,000,000 Shares of \$10.00 each, of which the whole have been issued) be increased from \$10,000,000.00 consisting as aforesaid to \$15,000,000.00 (consisting of 1,500,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each) by the creation of 500,000 New Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each.

2. That in the first instance 200,000 of the said New Shares be offered at par (in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the eighteenth day of March, 1932, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 1,000,000 Old Shares and so that on acceptance of such offer the full nominal amount due in respect of such 200,000 New Shares shall be payable on the 30th day of June, 1932, and that on acceptance of such offer and on payment in manner aforesaid such shares so taken up shall rank as from the 1st day of July, 1932, for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital, and that any of the said 200,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors shall think fit.

3. That such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

4. That the balance of 300,000 Shares constituting the Company's unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting will be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

5. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By the insertion immediately after Article No. 126 of the existing Articles of Association of the two following new Articles to be known as Articles 126A and 126B.

"126A. Each Director who is a registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company shall have the power to nominate any person approved for that purpose by a majority of the other Directors of the Company to act as an alternate Director, in his place, during his absence from the Colony of Hongkong or inability to act through illness as such Director, and at his discretion to remove such alternate Director, and on any such appointment being made, the alternate Director shall be subject in all respect to the terms and conditions existing with reference to the other Directors of the Company, and any alternate Director while acting in the place of an absent Director, shall exercise and discharge all the

duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same."

"126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A of these Articles shall be as nearly as circumstances will admit in the following form or to the effect following:—"

I, _____ a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nominate and appoint _____ to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hongkong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this _____ day of _____ One thousand nine hundred and thirty _____

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

G. H. R.

NOTICE.

Hong Kong Water Supply.

It is hereby notified that owing to the Chinese New Year Holidays a constant supply of water will be given in all Rider Main Districts during Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 4th, 5th and 6th February, 1932.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1932.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank \$1400 n.
Chartered Bank, \$12 n.
Mercantile A. and B. \$18 n.
East Asia, \$127½ n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,350 n.
Union Ins., \$412 n.
China Underwriters, \$4,62½ n.
China Fire, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,250 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$24 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$23 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$45 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$11.75 b.
Kallans, 30/-
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.
Rauba, \$39 s.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$158 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$5.30 n.
Hongkwa, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers' Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons Tls. 15.80 n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. Hotels (old) \$14.80 n.
H.K. S. Hotels (new) \$14.75 n.
H. K. Lands, \$81½ n.
Shai Lands, Tls. 30 n.
Humphreys' \$19 n.
Realities, \$11.65 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$22.50 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$101½ n.
China Lights, \$22½ n.
H. K. Electric, \$77½ n.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Traction, 9/- b.

Industrials.

Malbons \$38 s.
Canton Ice, \$5 b.
Cementa (com.) \$19.10 n.
Ropes, \$17½ n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$29.30 n.
Watsons, \$16.50 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$6.85 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sinceres \$16 n.
Powells, \$3.50 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19.90 n.
Entertainments (old) \$16¼ n.
Constructions (old), \$5.30 n.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.
Constructions (new), \$2 s.
B. Ind. G. Bonds, \$58½ n.
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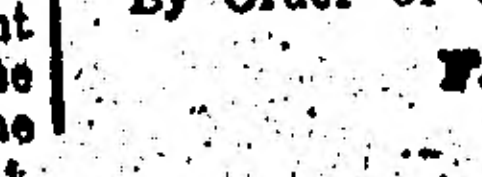
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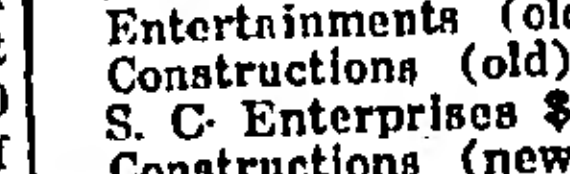
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Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at the General Post Office that on and after 1st February no correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted and Boxes holders are requested to call or send for the correspondence at the Boxes' Lobby and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets.

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Japan and Shanghai February 2.
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Calcutta and Straits February 3.
Japan February 4.
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Japan and Shanghai February 5.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 5th January) February 6.
Straits February 6.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 11th January) February 8.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 10th January) February 8.
Japan February 8.
Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 23rd January) February 10.
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For

OUTWARD MAILS.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Tues., Feb. 2, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco Tues., Feb. 2, Noon.
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Parcels Tues., Feb. 2, 1.45 a.m.
Reg. Tues., Feb. 2, 2.45 a.m.
Letters Tues., Feb. 2, 2.45 p.m.
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

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THEATRES.

Political intrigue—a theme as old as civilization, forms the story-substance of "The Secret Call"—combined of course with another theme, even older than civilization—romance. "Old, but darned interesting", as the fellow said.

This stirring drama, written by William C. deMille, and directed by Sturt Walker, has been giving patrons at the King's Theatre a more-than-usual amount of entertainment.

Aside from the high-pressure plot tension of the production there is considerable interest in the appearance in the cast of Peggy Shannon, perhaps the most beautiful propent of the art of flashing, that screen fadoman has seen in many a movie moon.

Miss Shannon was one of the lucky beauties picked by Ziegfeld for his "Follies" a couple of years ago. She next appeared in Earl Carroll's "Yankees" and then played in its stage productions, gaining a valuable experience in dramatics. Paramount signed her for screen parts during her appearance with Ernest Frueux in "Capit" in New York.

When Clara Bow was taken suddenly ill in a few weeks ago, Miss Shannon was quickly summoned into the void, an assignment which she filled without ever having had any previous screen experience. Under Walker's capable direction she has proved to be a real "find".

Richard Arlen plays the role of her lover in "The Secret Call". He is seen as the son of William B. Davidson "the big boss" of a political party which has the city voters in its grip. Miss Shannon's father, Harry Beresford, a minor politician, is made the "goat" of the organization through the shady operations of Davidson, and he dies of a broken heart. Peggy vows revenge on Davidson and his cohorts, unknown to Arlen.

She gets a job as a telephone operator in a big hotel and thus learns damaging secrets about the political leaders. She is in a position to scandalize and wreck the "machine" and is about to vindicate her father's death when a series of circumstances of a startling nature changes the entire course happily for the lovers. The cast includes some of the best character actors in the film capital. Ned Sparks, Jed Prouty, Charles Trowbridge, June Keith, Charles D. Brown, Larry Steers and Claire Dodd.

"The Virtuous Sin".

Although six of his plays have been produced as motion pictures, Martin Brown did his first writing directly for the screen when he was assigned to adapt another playwright's drama for the talking screen.

Brown adapted and wrote dialogue for the Paramount camerization of Louis Zinb's play, "The General", entitled "The Virtuous Sin", which will show at the King's Theatre, on Wednesday next.

Brown's first play was filmed by Paramount some years ago. This was "A Very Good Young Man" in which Bryant Washburn was starred. Since that time five other plays have become motion pictures. Babe Daniels was starred in his "The Exciters", Norma Talmadge did "The Lady", and Rudolph Valentino was seen in "Cobra". "Great Music" was filmed with Richard Barthelmess in the starring role.

Brown's first play to reach the talking screen was "Paris" in which Irene Burdoni and Jack Buchanan carried the leading parts.

"The Day" was recently purchased by Warner Brothers for an Emil Jannings vehicle.

Ever since "Cobra" was filmed, Brown has received offers to write for motion pictures. Living in Monte Carlo and enjoying the solitude as a place to write his plays, Brown never seriously considered accepting work in screen writing.

Last fall, however, he was called to New York for a conference about a new play of his. After settling his business, he was selected to join the Paramount writing staff. He came to Hollywood recently and, after studying talking making, began work on "The Virtuous Sin".

"Merely Mary Ann". You've heard about the canary who was eaten by a cat, so this will be about a golden-throated Haritz Mountain roller who sang a love tune to a charming and romantic actress, between Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

It happened during the filming of "Merely Mary Ann", the famous screen lovers' latest starring picture for Fox Films, opening next Saturday at the King's Theatre. "Dickie" plays an important part as Janet's pet

and the little songster would burst into thrilling cascades of melody on almost every occasion except when the cameras, lights and microphones were focussed upon him.

Finally, Director Henry King recalled that "Dickie" always greeted the sun in the morning with a joyous aria, so he arranged for a special scene to be taken at daybreak and sure enough, the crowling of the canary which welled into the microphones came almost as an apology for his impudence which had frustrated the sound men for days.

Marie Dressler and Polly Moran in "Politics".

"Politics," which brings Marie Dressler to the Queen's Theatre in her first picture as a full-fledged star, is unique in that it gives her equal opportunity as a comedienne and as a dramatic actress. In it she makes laughs as in "Reducing" and "Caught Short" and at the same time rises to dramatic heights as in "Anna Christie" or "Min and Bill".

The new picture is a comedy drama of political life. Miss Dressler plays a housewife who, goaded to action by conditions in her town, runs for mayor, organizes the women's vote and drives out gangster rule. Polly Moran plays her political manager and aide in battle.

Charles F. Riesner who filmed "Caught Short" and "Reducing" directed the new picture, in which a notable cast appears. Resco Ates is seen as the comic barber, Karen Morley, recently seen in "Never the Twain Shall Meet" and William Bakewell of "All Quiet on the Western Front" and other hits, are the romantic leads, and John Millan, noted in "The Secret Six," is the gangster ruff.

The story is an original by Zelda Sears and Malcolm Stuart Roylan. It was adapted by Wells Root and dialogue by Robert E. Hopkins.

High spots include Miss Dressler's dramatic denunciation of the crooked mayor in the political rally, her defiance to the gang leader, the attempt of the husbands to break up the women's rally which ruins Marie's speech, her retaliation by calling the women of the town out on strike against their husbands, the comical torchlight procession, the formation of the vigilance committee, and the arguments between herself and Miss Moran.

While most of the story is screamingly funny, the tense dramatic picture ends happily for the lovers. The picture was produced lavishly with one of the largest exterior sets ever built and hundreds of people appear in the torchlight procession, political rallies and other dramatic high spots.

Buster Keaton Film.

Professional Japanese wrestlers found that an American comedy star knew all their tricks, when the experts were engaged to coach Buster Keaton for his wrestling sequence in "Silent Movie" of New York, which will come on Friday, to the Queen's Theatre.

The experts were brought to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to help work out wrestling holds, which Keaton was then to burlesque for the sake of comedy. Barker proceeded to show them some wrestling holds, and finally they agreed that the comedian knew as many tricks as they did.

"Part of it I learned on the stage as an acrobat—part from wrestling when I was in the army," explained Keaton.

The new picture, directed by Jules White and Zion Myers, is a comical romance of life in the New York tenement districts. Keaton is cast as a millionaire's son who falls in love with a tenement girl and tries to control her tough younger brother for her sake.

He starts a gymnasium, tries to be a big brother to the youngsters of the neighbourhood and complications result fast and furious. He gets in trouble when he tries to stage a wrestling match, more when tries to be a boxer as a good example to the youngsters—and then a gang leader marks him as prey and he dodging other woes.

Anita Page plays the heroine and Cliff Edwards is seen as Peggie, the comic valet. Norman Phillips, Jr., plays the principal juvenile role as Clipper, the tough younger brother, and Frank Rowan is the gangster Marshall and others are in the cast, in which some two hundred small boys appear in hilarious chases, fights and other laughable incidents.

"Ten Cents a Dance."

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A view of modern metropolitan life, with pleasure crazed, dancing girls as a background, is revealed in "Ten Cents a Dance," the screen offering which is being shown at the Central Theatre. Barbara Stanwyck plays the leading role under the direction of Lionel Barrymore, who made the film for Columbia Pictures.

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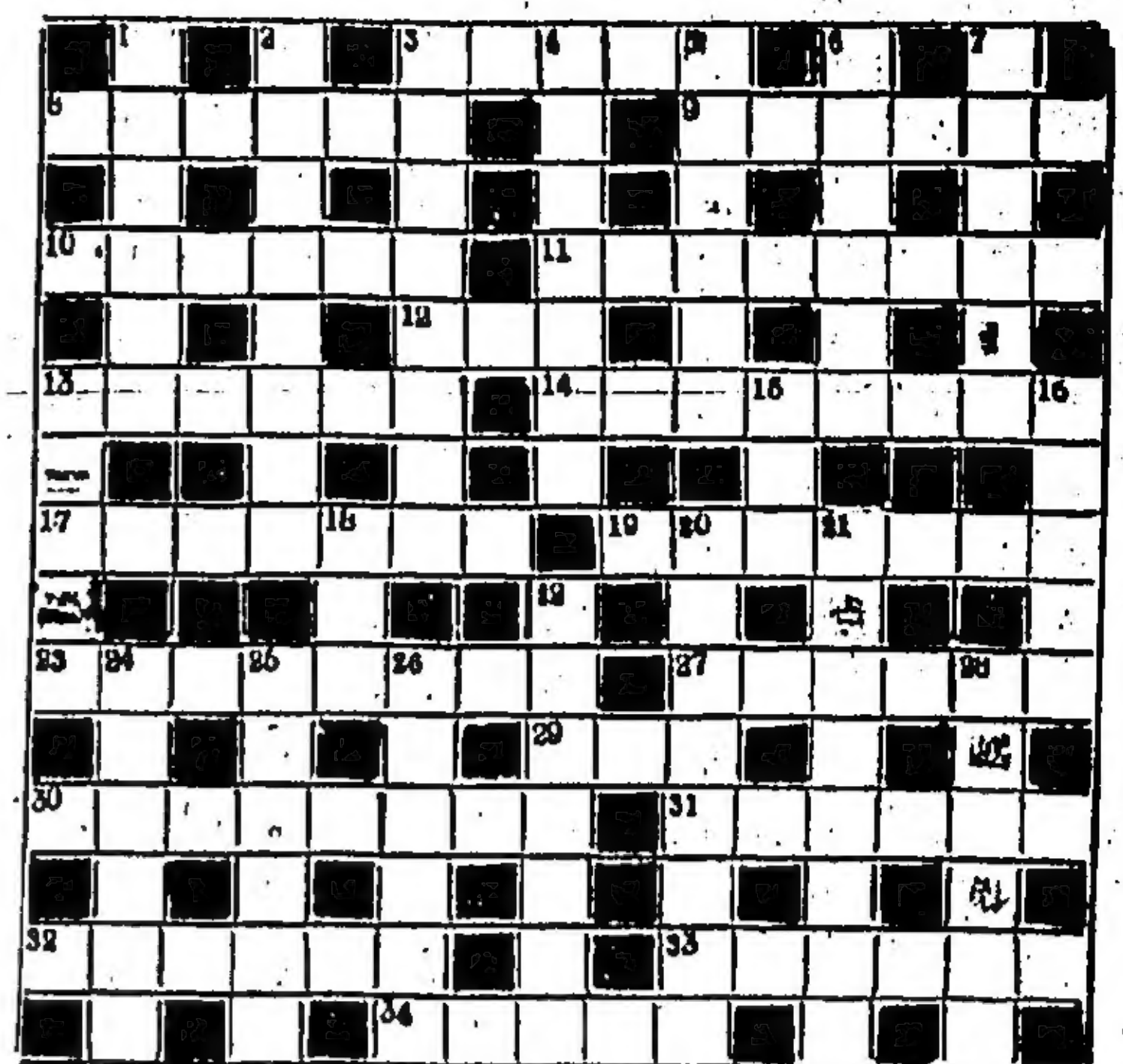
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- 13 Make your own selection for this.
- 14 "And are you fond of—, dear?" "No, but I only have to do it when mummy wants people to go."
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- 19 Lattice work which, from one point of view, would mean more than money to a Scotman.
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- 30 An occasional (like most of them) is rather short.
- 32 An electrical component buried in a certain part of South Africa has power to affect the whole nation.
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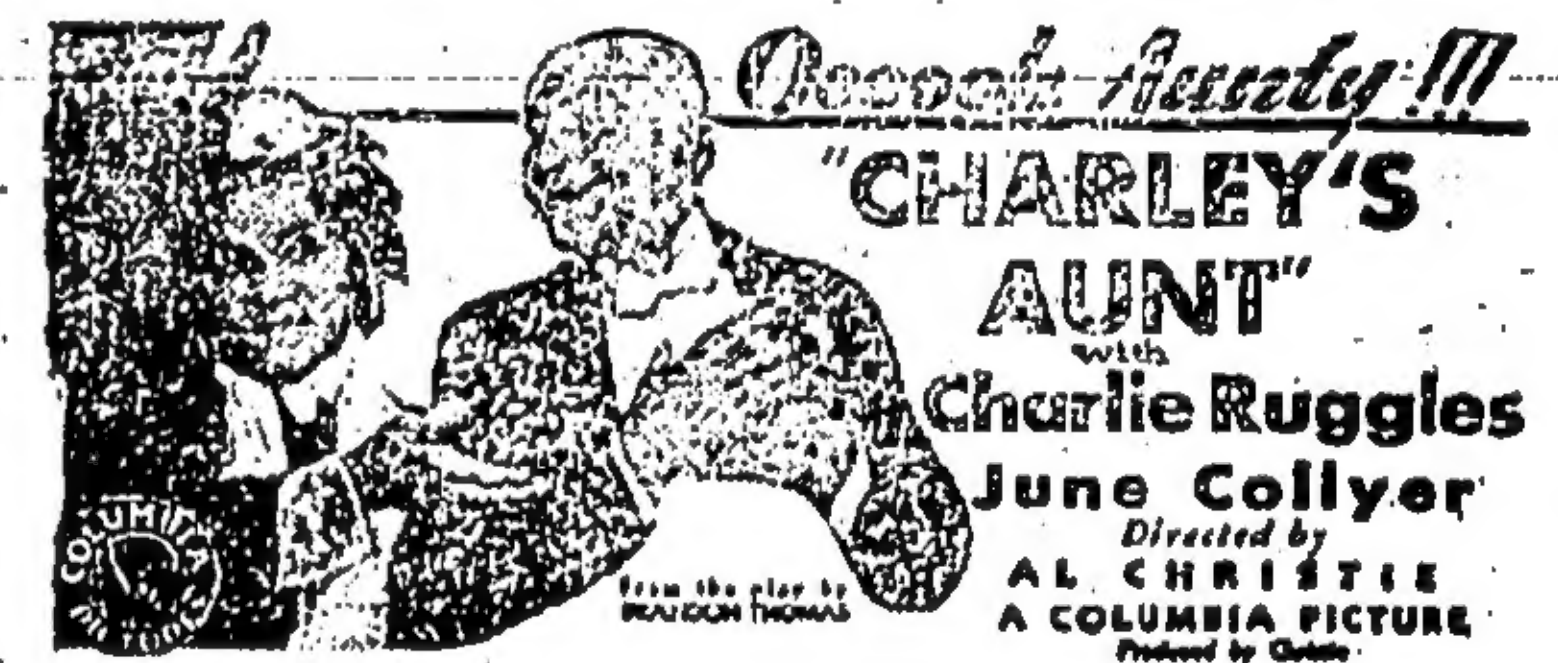
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- 1 After three, this causes much rejoicing in the States.

- 2 Indicates the state of he who is first—and who wears the second.
- 3 The rightful Duke of Milan.
- 4 Near the shore.
- 5 Watch this Madagascarean hedgehog break into a canter.
- 6 Isn't it sweet?
- 7 A regular customer.
- 15 This is funny.
- 16 There are said to be no snakes in this land.
- 17 Windy.
- 18 Three-quarters of twice two.
- 20 We may "Lose, true," but let us remain firm and steady (anag.).
- 21 Place a fruit by a haystack and find them in Ireland.
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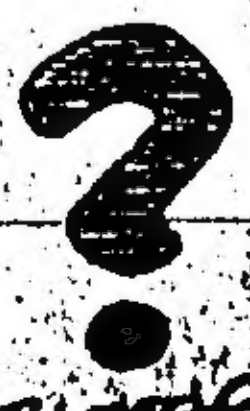
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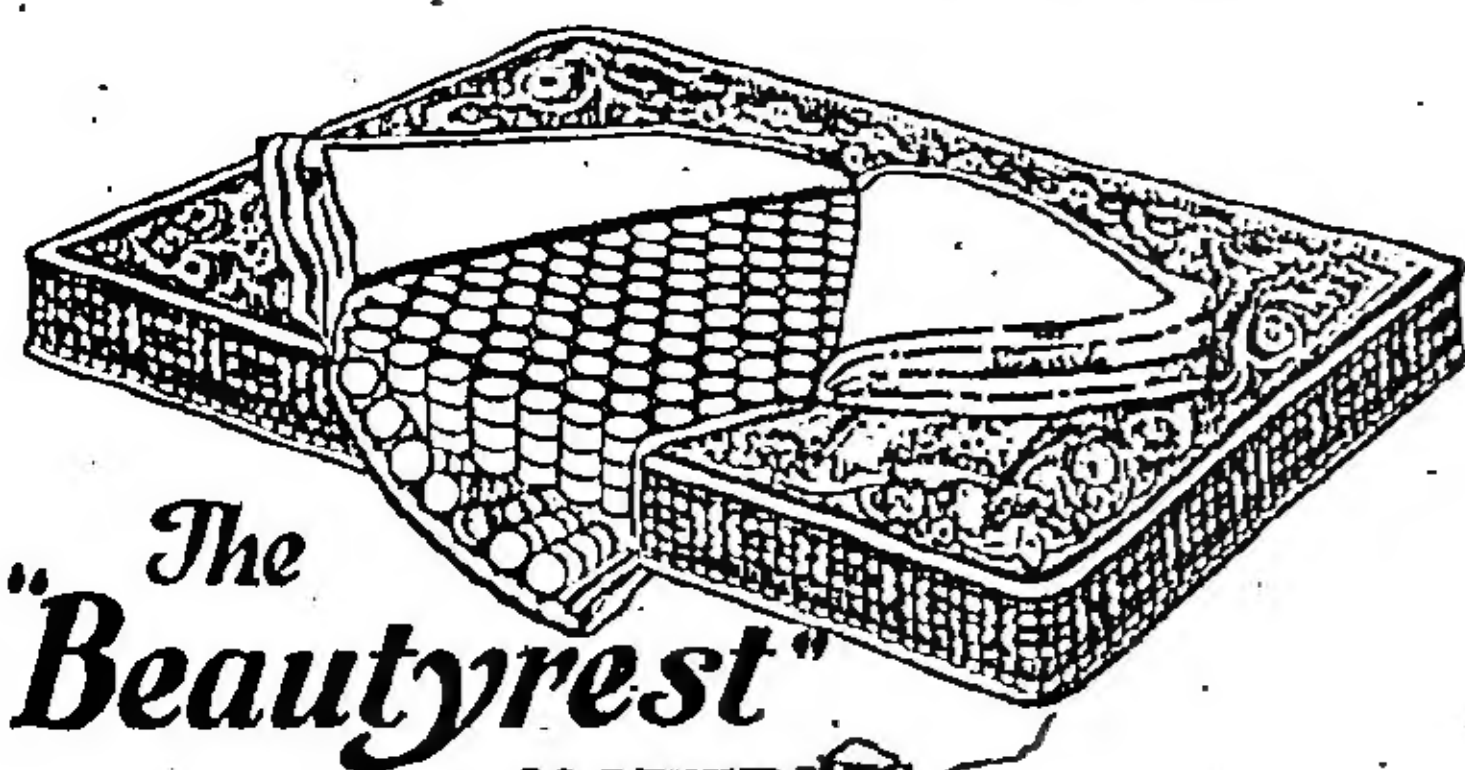
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THE COTTON INDUSTRY
PROBLEM.

The Lancashire cotton industry problem is still receiving considerable attention on the part of those who are directly concerned with its future. A many-sided issue, it is by no means easy to handle, and the opinion is growing that it ought long ago to have been tackled by a powerful body authorised by Act of Parliament to deal with it in all its aspects. Handling the problem piecemeal results in it being handled badly, for the principal reason that no section seems prepared to make sacrifices unless parallel concessions are made by the rest.

The fact is realised that the British cotton trade has permanently shrunk in dimensions, quite apart from the general world depression. It has to be remembered that cotton manufacture is, in the cheaper branches, well suited for carrying on with cheap labour and almost fool-proof machines, so that no conceivable reduction in Lancashire's costs can go far enough to win back a large part of the lost markets. The Far East, with its infinite supply of cheap labour, is bound more and more to supply its own markets, though at the moment Japan's energies may be employed on other matters. None the less, there is an obvious need for Lancashire to reorganise her methods, for unless this is done she may lose a great deal more than she already has done. Plant that has become definitely redundant and obsolete has to be scrapped; even if it were not done by collective action it would doubtless happen in the long run either by bankruptcy or obsolescence. It has been well pointed out, however, that the destruction of surplus plant will not in itself be enough to reduce costs sufficiently to secure an expanding world trade. Even the marked fall in prices which has followed the depreciation of the pound has brought with it only a relatively small stimulus to exports. The employers are trying other methods by wage reductions and "more looms per weaver," but these are not being favourably received by the workers. The elimination of surplus plant and the granting of a minimum wage must lead to the same result—the fuller employment of fewer factories and of far fewer workers. Perhaps hair

of the workers in the cotton trade would in the end be completely squeezed out and compelled to seek employment elsewhere. In the long run, this is bound to happen, since the short-time system is uneconomic and will have to go. This is not to the liking of the operatives, admittedly, but, realising that wages cannot be cut further, they see that, just as surplus plant must be eliminated, so must surplus workers go. The biggest problem, however, is the writing off of dead capital, the unshackling of the industry from its heavy burdens of bank debts and other standing charges. In dealing with some aspects of the industry's problems, compulsory powers are to be secured, but it would seem that whatever body is set up to deal with the issues, power should be given to deal with financial reconstruction in addition to the matter of surplus labour and wages.

The Gold Standard.

The economic pundits are now waging a great argument. Was it necessary for Great Britain to abandon the gold standard? The latest contribution appears in the Chase Economic Bulletin, by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, who says, "The collapse of the gold standard in England was absolutely unnecessary." Arguing upon the ground chosen by Dr. Anderson, the statement sounds convincing. Great Britain has been addicted to a cheap money policy—to a low interest rate—ever since it returned to the gold standard in 1925. According to the rules under which the gold standard operates, this was a mistake. A dear money policy was indicated as the only possible method of protecting existing gold supplies and of attracting new supplies. But to say that before Great Britain left the gold standard its bank rate should have been 9 per cent. instead of 4½ per cent. is totally to ignore the peculiar crisis which Great Britain underwent long before the larger crisis enveloped the world in 1929. In 1925 Great Britain elected to anchor its currency to gold at the pre-war parity. In order to carry through this policy, it was essential to reduce sterling costs, such as those represented by labour, to the level demanded by the higher gold value. Otherwise British goods could not compete abroad. Britain's problem, in other words, was the now-familiar problem of deflation, particularly in wages. The decision to raise sterling to its pre-war gold value involved heavy sacrifices for the benefit of the holders of internal debt, who, with every twist of the deflationist screw, found the pounds owed to them by their fellowcountrymen becoming ever more valuable. This extra value had to be provided by the debtor, or business, class of the community. The chief point of the attack was wages, because wages are the chief factor in production costs. To theorists like Dr. Anderson, this may appear as it did to Adam Smith to be no problem. But economic behaviour has nowadays a habit of puncturing the economic laws propounded by the theoreticians. This was the case when wage decreases brought on the general strike of 1926. Labour, ever jealous of its living standards, which had been won after much tribulation, refused to be deflated. It was as afraid of being "squeezed" that it ignored the fortuitous bonus it was constantly receiving by way of improvement in the buying value of the pound—conversely, of the fall in commodity prices. Between 1925 and 1930, according to the Macmillan report, wages in Great Britain rose by 8½ per cent. British industry was thus over-weighted with production costs arising out of swollen wages and fixed charges. The Bank of England tried to mitigate the burden by keeping the rates of working capital cheap. To have put up the rates to the levels mentioned by Dr. Anderson would have laid on industry a burden too crushing to be borne. Moreover, experience the last few years has shown that a high bank rate alone is not effective in maintaining the world's confidence in a country. Indeed, the high bank rate, like the high interest rate on a bond, may be looked upon as an admission that investment in that country carries with it a heavy risk. And it is doubtful, in view

DAY BY DAY

SELDOM OR NEVER HAS THERE BEEN AN IDEAL WHICH HAS EXERCISED A MORE PROFOUND AND A MORE SALUTARY INFLUENCE THAN THE MEDIAEVAL CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN. FOR THE FIRST TIME WOMAN WAS ELEVATED TO HER RIGHTFUL POSITION, AND THE BANCITY OF WEAKNESS WAS RECOGNISED AS WELL AS THE RANCIDITY OF SORROW.—Lecky.

The Empress of Britain, now on a world tour, is due in Hongkong at 8 a.m. on the 11th instant.

The Empress of Asia is to leave here for Vancouver at noon on Thursday, instead of 8 p.m., as originally advertised.

It is notified that during the Chinese New Year holidays, a constant supply of water will be given in the rider main districts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Among the subjects to come before the members of the Sanitary Board to-day is one relative to the hours regulating the sale of fruit in the open markets in Hongkong and Kowloon.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$10 (Shanghai currency) as a donation to the funds of the Home from the ship's company of H.M.S. Sandwich.

A visitor at the Nanking Boarding House, at 80, Connaught Road Central, was yesterday removed to hospital after he had taken a large dose of Aralin, apparently with the intention of committing suicide.

The Bishop of Victoria on February 1, licensed in his private chapel, Rev. Gilbert Alexander Hook, formerly curate of St. John's, Upper Holloway, London, to missionary work in Nanning under the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society.

Strong rumours were current in Singapore last week to the effect that His Excellency the Governor was about to relinquish office and that his successor had been appointed. According to the story which reached Sir Cecil Clementi, the departure of March 3 and the reasons for the resignation were given. On referring the matter to the Colonial Secretary's office the journal was told "There is no truth in the report."

With a record of three previous convictions for picking pockets and simple larceny, a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing 50 cents from a youth in Belcher's Street was sentenced to six months' hard labour and placed under police supervision for two years. The defendant and the complainant were in a house at 3, Belcher's Street, where the offence occurred. The defendant was chased but managed to out-run his pursuers. On coming across a police picket, however, he slowed down and commenced to walk. The complainant, who was stopped by a detective in the picket, pointed out the defendant, who was then chased by the officer and arrested.

of the general state of European confidence, whether any last-minute action of this kind would have achieved its international object, namely, the continuance of the gold link at pre-war parity. At any rate, Britain felt that it was not worth the price.

MY NEW BRIDGE
"SYSTEM."

By BEVERLEY NICHOLS.

I HAVE discovered a short cut to efficiency in Bridge. In the old days I used to think that if one did all the dreary things that were recommended in the text-books one would become a good player. And so I used monotonously to return my partner's lead at no trumps, play low at "second-hand" (and feel pretty low about it, too), say, "Having no hearts, partner?" whenever necessary, and all sorts of things like that.

However, it was of no use. At the end of every game, the same shrieks of abuse always rent the air. My partners stood up, hunched their shoulders, whirled their arms, spat invective at me, and rushed downstairs "for fresh draughts of barley water. I have endured this for some years, and I'm at it again. And so I have formulated some new rules which will prove of infinite assistance to all those players who, like myself, adore Bridge, but never quite realise what trumps really are.

The Onslaught.

Always attack. Always! I do not mean during the game, but after it. As soon as you have lost the game, you must instantly attack your partner before he can attack you. A good plan, if you are in doubt, is to fold your arms, sneer, and say in a harsh voice "Really!" She will then have a shivering suspicion that she has sat on a spade or something equally crude.

Or again, if you know that it was all your fault, you can say, "What were you doing with your diamonds?" She will probably be too depressed to remember what she was doing with her diamonds, and even if she does remember it, you can always shrug your shoulders, turn to your opponents and repent exactly what she says. This will discourage her. It is very important to discourage one's partner at an early stage in the game.

Even if she says "I hadn't got any diamonds," you need not be deterred. You can just say, in tones of icy scorn, "Quite. No diamonds!" Which ought to make her shrivel up all right, as though she had told you that her children had no underclothes.

When Playing Dummy. The one essential is speed. Never mind what you do, but do it with the utmost celerity. Of course, you can pause as long as you like before you actually play the first card. In fact, a very good plan, as soon as your partner has laid down her hand, is to stare at it for a moment with glazed eyes, and then to rise to your feet, walk slowly over to the window, and look out, tapping the glass, like Sir Gerald du Maurier when all seems to be lost at the end of Act II.

This action will terrify your partner, who will feel that there must be something extremely unladylike about the dummy which she has exposed before you.

When you return say nothing. Regard the card your opponent has played with a faint sneer. And then, without warning, leap upon it. Play with tremendous speed. Do not arrange your tricks (should you be lucky enough

to get any) in a neat pile. Seize them with claw-like fingers, and jumble them together. Breathe very heavily all the time. Look as little as possible at the cards, and as much as possible at your partner. If, after all this, she still has the effrontery to tell you that you lost the game, you can inform her that she ought not to be wasting her time playing Bridge. She ought to be a policewoman, or somebody who chops down trees in Australia.

If by some strange chance you are asked to play a second rubber you will, of course, be required, at some period in this rubber, to shuffle. Now please remember this. Always Hum When Shuffling. It does not matter what you hum, though personally I have always found "Annie Laurie" very effective. (Annie Laurie, you may remember, was the girl who revoked once too often.) The main point about humming while you shuffle is that it demoralises your opponents. They will think that you know something they don't know. They will leap to the conclusion that you have a card up your sleeve. If you hum while you shuffle... (pardon me) these cards are so slippery... you will gain a great advantage, which will cost you nothing.

Auction is Antiquated.

I am assuming, naturally, that you play Contract Bridge. If anybody of exceptional antiquity or dubious suggests that you should play Auction, lift the left nostril, curl the upper lip, and say "Auction?" In these days? Perhaps you would prefer to play loo? (It sounds divinely idiotic. As though one bounced up and down on baby chairs and said "loolooloo... loo... loo!")

Or if you want to use subtler methods, open your eyes very wide indeed and say "Auction? How thrilling! Is that something new? Do tell us about it? Too amusing?" This attitude will cause the auction-playing offender to turn a sickly green and to change the conversation. Also, since she will be forced to play Contract without understanding how to score, you will reap a great advantage, unless you have foolish moral scruples.

Our Sporting
Prodigies.

By W. F. SANDERSON.

THERE has never been an age like the present when youth—in fact, children—have been so prominent in sport. On Thursday a small boy from Newcastle on Tyne, aged only 10, played in the final of the Boys' Championship. He lost, to another boy of 15 years. Without a doubt we have two boys here who may rise to the greatest heights in the world of billiards. At ten years of age the small boy, who often had to use the long rest across the table, knows and can execute "Sny."

Not long ago I watched a girl of 11 years skating in an international trial—she is to go to America as a member of Britain's team.

In the last four months I have seen children engaged in golf, tennis, swimming, football and boxing. In every case I have heard the same story: "Here is a hope for Britain in the future," and it is a fact that in all these games I have seen children technically perfect.

All this is good for British sport of to-morrow, but all these amazing children were similar in one respect—they all lacked the slightest sign of nerves, they all had the mental poise of seasoned, experienced players of games; they all had the same cold, stony mental indifference to anything but the game—and I wonder if it is good.

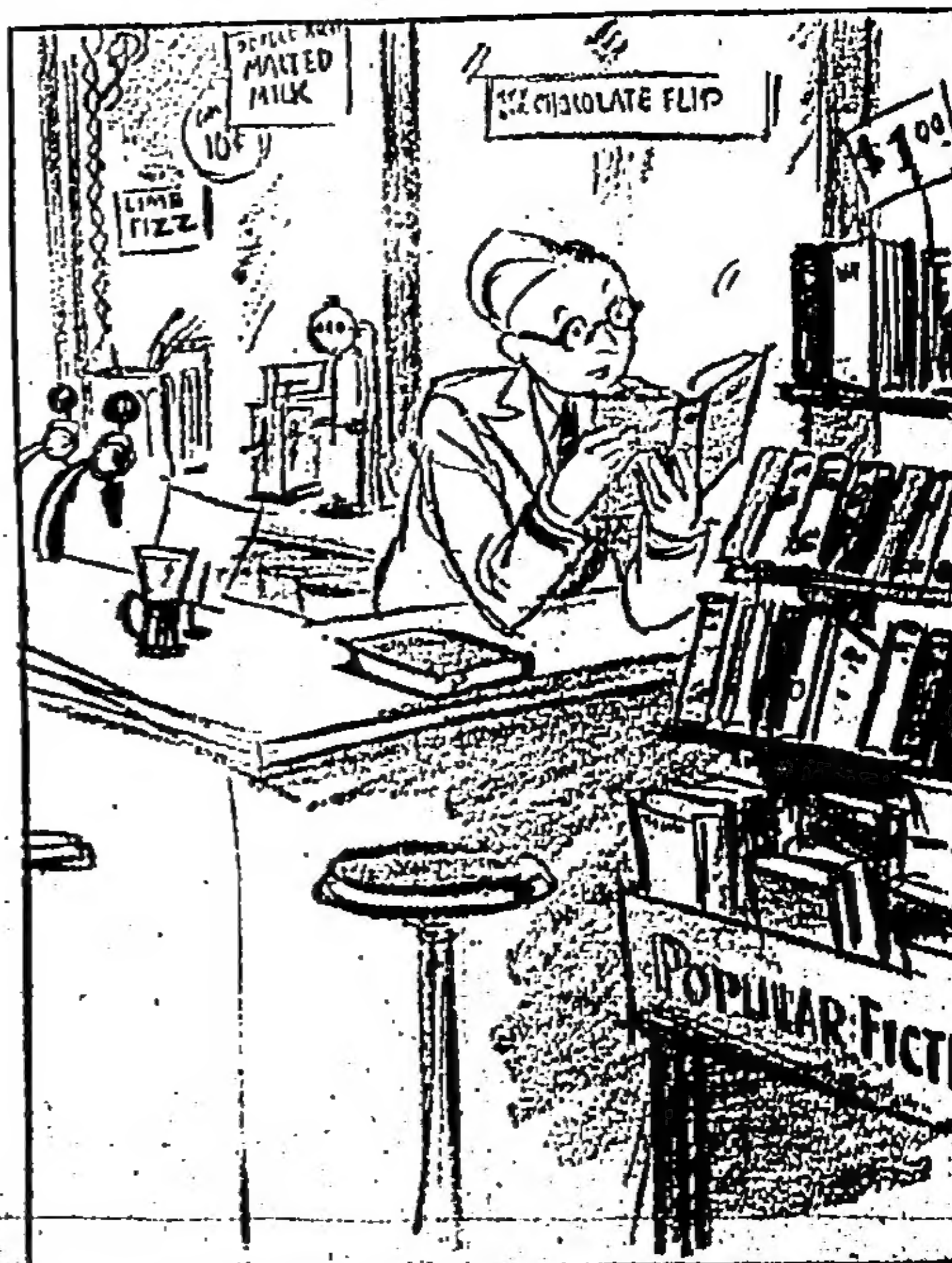
No Childish Graces.

Look at the small boy in the billiards championship. When he played his semi-final there were hundreds of people looking on, he had never played in front of an audience before, yet he did not see them. There was never one childish gesture.

At Stoke Poges during the girls' golf championship I saw a child of 14, three down at the twelfth, needing a 20ft. putt to win the hole. There were 300 people crowding round the green. There she was, on the line, studying the line of the putt, utterly indifferent to the crowd. She holed the putt.

As I watched that child on her knees I saw her face. She was as

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"A college education's a great thing. Lots of these books I wouldn't understand without it."

OVERNIGHT NEWS ON THE SHANGHAI CRISIS.

JAPANESE RESENT SETTLEMENT DEFENCE PROPOSAL.

Tokyo, Feb. 1. While the suggestion for the establishment of a neutral zone at Shanghai meets with Japanese approval, the proposal that the Japanese blue-jackets should withdraw into the International Settlement leaving the troops of the other Powers to take over the defence of the sector allotted to the Japanese is considered impossible owing to the reaction of national sentiment here.

Resenting the implication that the Japanese are aggravating the situation by their actions, official circles here contend that the Japanese are doing no more than playing their allotted part in the general defence scheme.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, Japan welcomes the report that British and American reinforcements have been despatched to Shanghai, asserts a Foreign Office spokesman.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Feb. 1. Frankly admitting that there have been some instances of excesses committed by Japanese "roughs" at Shanghai, official circles here declare that the Japanese authorities are doing their utmost to control them, and have already deported two dozen. Officials do not attempt to conceal their apprehension lest these disorderly elements aggravate the situation by activities embarrassing to the Japanese authorities.—*Reuter.*

Exodus of Japanese From Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 1, 7.45 p.m. Some 300 Japanese women and children left this morning on the Nagasaki Maru. The next Japanese steamer leaving is the Shanghai Maru, and it is booked to the limit.

About 5,000 Chinese are now staying in the South railway station premises, waiting for transportation to places on the S.H.N.R. line.

Altogether 20,000 Japanese troops are expected on Wednesday, the Consul has cabled to Tokyo requesting the dispatch of three divisions.

The Japanese members of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps who, although untrained and mobilized members of the Corps, joined the Japanese entry into Chapei, have now returned to duty under the S.V.C.

Emergency Measures.

Compulsory requisitioning of buildings is being considered. Shipping companies have been requested to instruct their vessels to buy foodstuffs for their own needs at other ports.

The Fire Brigade and ambulance service has been interfered with by Japanese, several firemen being injured at Hongkew.

The Senior staff officer of the Japanese naval force has now issued an order prohibiting members of the Self Protection Corps and reservists from assisting the military, and ordered them to cease functioning in the Settlement services in future, behind the front or on guard duty. The navy will deal severely with violators of the order.

More Firing.

There was firing this morning in the vicinity of Hsueh Road. The Japanese are becoming increasingly incensed, and this morning mounted a machine gun manned by six men at the post office. The guns were trained towards the Szechuen bridge, in fear of the approach of snipers from the direction of the Central district. They also cleared North Szechuen Road of pedestrians and vehicles.

The Japanese casualties are estimated at 180 killed and wounded this morning. Should the Chinese offensive continue, Admiral Shiozawa threatens to act without awaiting Tokyo's instructions.

Foreign Forces.

The 31st Infantry, of 1,200 men, are en route from Manila. Rear Admiral Taylor is bringing the Houston with eight destroyers and 300 Marines on Wednesday.

A battalion of French infantry has been ordered here from Tientsin, and the cruiser Rousseau is en route from the south.

At 6.30 p.m. snipers were active in the vicinity of the Municipality.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

A Near Panic.

Shanghai, Feb. 1, 8.54 p.m. Mysterious rifle shots from the General Post Office, situated on Sochow Creek and the edge of Hongkew, where the Japanese are in control, caused a near panic this evening.

Apparently the sniper, presumably a Chinese, began attempting to pick off people in the street, and Japanese Marines rushed up, with machine guns, with which they

covered the building, but the Settlement authorities rushed a detachment of thirty of the Russian section of the Volunteer Corps into the building.

As these operations were being carried out a single shot rang out from the post office and buried itself in a telegraph post, narrowly missing a British policeman. As the crowds rushed to cover, several more shots rang out.

The Russians are now occupying the post office, and the firing has ceased, but the streets throughout are deserted. Such incidents are becoming common everywhere, causing much nervousness.—*Reuter Morning Post Special.*

Stock Market Reaction.

London, Feb. 1. When the stock markets opened in London to-day, Japanese and Chinese loans showed further weakness, and were mostly quoted at one to three points down.—*British Wireless.*

British Protest.

London, Feb. 1. *Reuter* learns that Sir Francis Lindley was instructed last night to protest against the precipitate action of the Japanese forces at Shanghai, and also the continued use of the International Settlement as a base of operations.—*Reuter.*

More British Queries.

Tokyo, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Sir Francis Lindley again visited Mr. Yoshizawa this afternoon, when it is understood he discussed the situation at Shanghai, and sought information as to the Japanese plans for dealing with the situation.—*Reuter.*

Alleged "Misinformation."

Tokyo, Feb. 2, 12.28 a.m. The British Ambassador presented a formal protest, apparently identical with America's, contending that the Japanese action at Shanghai went further than was necessary, thereby endangering British lives in the International Settlement.

Mr. Yoshizawa, receiving the protest, replied, stating that the Japanese action had not exceeded the minimum necessary, and intimated that the British protest appears to be based on misinformation of a propagandist nature.—*Reuter.*

Americans Misinformed?

Tokyo, Feb. 1, 7.22 p.m. For the purpose of exchanging views and attempting to clear up misunderstandings which appear to have arisen through conflicting reports, the American Ambassador will visit Mr. Yoshizawa again this afternoon.

Referring to Washington's representations, the Foreign Office spokesman declared that the American Consul General at Shanghai appears to have been misinformed on several important points, as the facts reported to Washington are at variance with those reported to Tokyo.—*Reuter.*

Formal U.S. Protest.

Tokyo, Feb. 1, 8 p.m. The American Ambassador, acting on instructions from Washington, has lodged a formal protest, verbally, against Japan's action in using the International Settlement at Shanghai as a base of operations.—*Reuter.*

French Concern.

London, Feb. 1. A Paris message states that the French Government has expressed a desire to co-operate in efforts to safeguard the foreign concessions at Shanghai, and to co-operate in measures for ensuring the safety of Europeans in China.—*British Wireless.*

Japanese Military View.

Tokyo, Feb. 1, 10 p.m. Criticising Mr. Yoshizawa for requesting the Ambassadors of Britain, America and France to use their influence to persuade the Chinese to withdraw their troops, military circles express the fear that to invite the intervention of these three Powers will stiffen the Chinese attitude towards Japan and increase the Chinese arrogance.—*Reuter.*

Chinese Foreign Minister's Firm Stand.

Nanking, Feb. 1, 8.20 p.m. The Japanese Consul General here called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Lo Wen-kan, to-day, and lodged a verbal protest regarding the Shanghai, fighting, charging the Chinese troops with starting the firing.

Lo Wen-kan enquired where the fighting occurred, and the Consul General admitted in Chapei, whereupon Lo Wen-kan said that since the fighting occurred in Chinese territory, the Japanese were res-

BRICKLAYERS AS ROBBERS.

CONTRACTORS' OFFICE RAIDED.

Five men were concerned in an armed robbery at 367, Laichikok Road, the offices of the Hop Yick firm of contractors, last night.

Shortly before closing time, a man made his way up to the cook-house where Wong Yuen, the managing partner, was working at a desk in company with the accountant and other foks. He was writing out a cheque when interrupted. Following closely on the heels of the first man were four other robbers.

A packet of pepper was thrown into the faces of the assembled foks, while the managing partner and the accountant were forced to hand over their personal effects. The latter had over \$170 which was surrendered to the robbers.

On leaving the places, the robbers parted company, but three of them were observed escaping up Laichikok Road. They are believed to be bricklayers engaged in "raising the wind" in anticipation of heavy expenditure over the China New Year festival.

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BOATS EARN NEARLY FIVE LAKHS.

The report of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd. for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1931, states that the net earnings of the boats, after paying all working expenses, amount to \$447,981.02.

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Directors.—Mr. H. H. Priestley retires according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible, offers himself for re-election. Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Berrard Brown, A. C. A., who offers himself for re-election.

SERIOUS SITUATION AT HARBIN.

JAPANESE TROOPS CONCENTRATING.

Mukden, Feb. 1. The military authorities have decided to order the bulk of the Japanese troops in Manchuria to converge on Harbin, owing to the serious situation arising from the activities of Ting Chao's troops.—*Reuter.*

According to the Foreign Office, M. Kaituma, the Vice-Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, told the Japanese Ambassador at Moscow that the Soviet may be compelled to protest if Japanese troops enter Harbin, but the protest is expected to be of a technical character, as the Soviet has already agreed to permit Japanese troops to be transported over the southern section of the C.E.R.

Meantime, General Hasebe is awaiting the arrival of reinforcements before continuing his advance on Harbin.—*Reuter Special.*

OUR SPORTING PRODIGES.

(Continued from Page 4.)

longer a child of 14—she was a grown woman. At Wimbledon I saw youngsters playing tennis the same way, perfect in the game of lawn tennis, children only in years.

Success in sport is my delight. I want to see some of the lost glories of British sport come back. In the game of lawn tennis, we have some of the honours we have allowed to go abroad. But I am allowed to go abroad. But I am allowed to go abroad. But I am allowed to go abroad.

possible for first invading Chinese territory. The Japanese Consul then requested that the status quo in Shanghai be maintained, but Lo Wen-kan said normal conditions must be restored. The conference broke off without any substantial result being achieved.—*Reuter.*

Military Conference.

Loyang, Feb. 1. Chiang Kai-shek is shortly undertaking a tour of troops inspection on the Peking-Hankow Railway, after which a military conference of himself, Feng Yu-hsiang, Yen Hui-shan and Chang Hsueh-ling is due to take place at Chengchow.—*Reuter Special.*

BRITISH PRIVATES SENTENCED.

SERIOUS VIEW OF PEAK THEFT CASE.

The recent larceny at No. 168, The Peak, the residence of Mr. H. L. Denny, the local solicitor, had a further sequel before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon when the evidence was heard—against—William Howells, one of the two privates of the South Wales Borderers arrested in connexion with the affair. The first defendant, Thomas Hughes, pleaded guilty at a previous hearing to a charge of stealing from a dwelling.

Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation) withdrew the charge of larceny against Howells and remarked that he would rely entirely on the charge of receiving stolen property in respect of certain articles which had been found in the defendant's locker at Mount Austin Barracks.

At the outset Mr. Murphy remarked that a silver snuff box which had been reported stolen and which had been included in the charge, had since been found by Mr. Denny in the house. It had been removed from its original position but had not been taken away from the house. The value of the articles mentioned in the charge was, therefore, reduced from \$611.50 to \$553.50.

Outlining the case to his Worship, Mr. Murphy said that the larceny took place somewhere between 10 p.m. on Christmas night and 1 a.m. the following morning. Mr. Denny was out at the time and unfortunately the door of the house had been closed but not locked. On his return he discovered that the articles mentioned in the original charge were missing.

Defendants Arrested.

The prosecuting officer remarked that the action of the intruders was not altogether consistent with the actions of the usual thief to be found in Hongkong from time to time. He pointed out that the bed gave the appearance of having been slept in by the intruders while an ordinary dress suit tie had been tied into a bow and left on the carpet.

Included among the articles stolen were two war medals and photographs which were sent back to Mr. Denny on January 5 in an unstamped letter for which the receiver had to pay 30 cents.

Nothing further was heard of the missing articles until the night of January 19 when the two defendants were arrested in Yumati. They had apparently gone to a restaurant where they had had refreshments without being able to pay the bill. It was alleged that they offered some of the trinkets in payment for their refreshments but were ultimately arrested. None of the articles, however, were found in the possession of the second defendant.

The men were taken to the Yumati Police Station and later escorted to Mount Austin Barracks where they were handed over to the Military authorities. The following morning the Police went to the barracks and searched the room occupied by the defendants. The second defendant's locker was locked and on being opened by a corporal part of the stolen property was found behind his kit. These articles were all identified by Mr. Denny. An over coat was subsequently recovered from a pawnshop while a fountain pen was produced by the second accused.

Mr. Denny gave evidence of identification of the property.

Not Amusing.

During the hearing of the evidence, Mr. Murphy asked permission for Hughes to take a seat, and permission being given by the Magistrate, the accused sat down, smiling at his companion as he did so.

The Magistrate: There is nothing amusing about these proceedings, is there? Hughes: No sir. His Worship: No? Behave yourself then, sit down!

Detective Sergt. Fitches deposed to a statement made by Howells on being formally charged at the Central Police Station. Howells said: You have us for larceny at 168 The Peak. Hughes and I pinched those things, but I do not propose to answer further questions.

When asked if he wrote the address on the envelope containing service medals sent back by post to Mr. Denny, Howells replied in the affirmative, adding: You will find the rest of the stuff in my locker.

At the close of the evidence, Howells said he had no witnesses to call, nor was he making any statement, in affirmation or denial. His Worship then replied that he had no alternative but to convict.

Similarly, Hughes, the first defendant, said he had nothing to say. He admitted having been convicted for a similar offence in England two years ago.

RADIO BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. 5.00-5.00 p.m. European Programme.

5.00-5.00 p.m. (approx.): Relay of programme on the occasion of the Opening of the West Wing of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon by His Excellency, the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., by courtesy of the Committee.

6.00-6.35 p.m. Concert Items.

Orchestral: Warblings at Eve (Richards).

Orchestral: Dance of the Toy Regiment (Green-Shikret). Victor Salon Orchest. 19849.

Song: Robin Adair (Keppel). Song: The Last Rose of Summer (Moore).

Francis Aida (Soprano). 1168. Piano Solo: Nardis (Nevin). Piano Solo: Rustle of Spring (Sinding).

Hans Barth. 20121. Song: The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow).

Song: Moonlight and Roses (Black-Moret). John McCormack (Tenor). 1092.

Instrumental Trio: Happy Days (Streleck). Instrumental Trio: Herd Girl's Dream (Labitzky).

Napoli Trio. 19872. 6.35-6.56 p.m. Band Selections.

On the Go (Goldman). On the Campus (Goldman). The (Gladman Band. 19703.

Electric March (Grosz). American Army March (Jassell). Creators' Band. 19844.

Hail to the Orange and Oak (Wow Wow (Green-Hill). Illinois Loyalty March (Guld). University of Illinois Military Band. 19836.

7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.). 6.56-7.45 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet: Keep Your Skirts Down (Mary Ann). Vocal Duet: If I Had a Girl Like You. Alleen Stanley and Billy Murray. 19705.

Organ Solo: Dinah. Jesse Crawford. 20000. Humorous Song: The Gold from the Cottonfield.

Humorous Song: The Parlor is a Pleasant Place to Sit in Sunday Night. Frank Crumit. 10777.

Piano-Accordion Solo: Italian-Spanish Favourites. Mario Perry. 20249.

Male Quartet: Tell Mother I'll be There. Mixed Quartet: Sometime We'll Understand. Trinity Quartet. 19877.

Song: Nightingale Song. Della Baker (Soprano). Vocal Duet: Listen to the Mocking Bird. Alice Green and Raymond Dixon. 19889.

Organ Solo: Sleepy Time Gal. Jesse Crawford. 19900. Chorus: Just Around the Corner. The Revellers.

Song: Behind the Clouds. Gene Austin (Tenor). 19908. 7.45-8.00 p.m. Operatic.

Song: This Love Has Long Been a Rare Virtue (Massenet). Maria Jeriza (Soprano). 1214. Chorus: Trovatore-Anvil Chorus (Verdi).

Victor Mixed Chorus. Chorus: Tannhauser-Pilgrim's Chorus (Wagner). Victor Male Chorus. 20127.

Song: Rigoletto-Mid the Fair Throng (Verdi). Enrico Caruso (Tenor). 500.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report. 8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News. 10.33 p.m. Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Teang Fook Piano Co.

A Serious Case.

Before sentence was passed, Mr. Murphy expressed the serious view the Police authorities took of the case. It was not a case, he said, where the culprits concerned needed the things they stole, as it was shown that they had made no attempt to dispose of or realise on them three weeks after the theft.

There had been a number of similar burglaries on the Peak, but in fairness to the defendants, the Police had to make it clear that the investigations carried out had not disclosed they were in any way connected with those other cases. Nevertheless, in view of their position their offences in this one case was serious.

An officer watching the proceedings gave the records of the two defendants. Replying to the Magistrate he said that the military also took a serious view of the offence, and added that had they been left to deal with the defendants he had no doubt they would not have dealt with them leniently. Hughes, charged with the actual stealing, was given six weeks. Howells, charged with receiving stolen property, was sentenced to four weeks.

The Magistrate made an order for the return of the property to Mr. Denny.

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BRADMAN'S 299!

CARRIES HIS BAT IN TEST
MATCH.

Adelaide, Feb. 1.
Continuing to bat to-day, in the fourth Test match, Australia compiled 513, Bradman contributing a magnificent 299 and being not out at the close—just one run short of 300!

The South Africans had compiled 124 for two wickets when stumps were drawn. Scores:

South Africa.—1st. Innings.—
S. H. Curnow, c Ponsford, b Grimmett 20
B. Mitchell, c and b McCabe 75
J. A. J. Christy, b O'Reilly 7
H. W. Taylor, c Rigg, b Grimmett 78
H. B. Cameron, lb.w., Grimmett 52
D. P. B. Morkel, c and b Grimmett 0
K. G. Viljoen, c and b Grimmett 0
C. L. Vincent, lb.w., O'Reilly 48
Q. McMillan, b Grimmett 19
N. A. Quinn, c Ponsford, b Grimmett 1
A. J. Bell, not out 2
Extras 6

Total 308

Bowling.
S. J. McCabe took one wicket for 34. W. O'Reilly two for 74. C. V. Grimmett 7 for 110.

Australia.—1st. Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Morkel, b Bell 82
W. H. Ponsford, b Quinn 290
D. G. Bradman, not out 299
A. F. Kippax, run out 0
S. J. McCabe, c Vincent, b Bell 2
K. Rigg, c Taylor, b Bell 36
W. A. Oldfield, lb.w. Vincent 23
C. V. Grimmett, b Bell 21
Hunt, c Vincent, b Quinn 0
W. O'Reilly, b Bell 0
Thurston, run out 0
Extras 23

Total 613

Bowling.

Bell took 5 wickets for 142. Quinn 2 for 114. Vincent one for 110. South Africa.—2nd. Innings.
B. Mitchell, not out 54
S. H. Curnow, b McCabe 3
J. A. J. Christy, b Grimmett 51
H. W. Taylor, not out 11
Extras 6

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Despite expectations to the contrary, last year's record entry for the Singles Tennis Championship of Hongkong has been exceeded and on February 15, no less than 82 players will be taking part in the tournament.

Last year there were 80 contestants. In the doubles event, the support is not quite so good as in 1931, only 44 pairs taking part as compared with 49.

The draw for these two championships has now been made, and as in previous years, the "seeding" method has been adopted. In the singles, S. A. Rumjahn, who has a bye in the first round, leads the top quarter, M. W. Lo figures in the second quarter, E. C. Fincher in the third and T. Honda the fourth.

In the doubles, the only pairs seeded are E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman and S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn. The former appear at the top of the first half and the latter, who are holders of the championship, in the lower half.

The complete drawing follows:

Open Singles.
Byes (top-half): S. A. Rumjahn, H. N. Chau, T. C. Monaghan, Taul Yan-pul, L. T. Ride, A. H. Harkins, A. V. Gosano, Yew Man Kit, H. N. Lee, Lu Tak-cheuk, J. A. Cassumbhoy, E. T. E. Nash, E. W. Ralston, M. K. Lo, J. MacLennan, S. E. Green, M. W. Lo, Firdos Khun, Y. V. Segalen, Lu Tak-lam, A. H. Rumjahn, H. Y. Ho, Chiu Chun-chiu.

First Round.—R. Chan v Wong Fuk-nam; Luk Chan-cheung v P. R. S. Walsham; R. W. Wood v H. Lo; W. Wirth v L. Chang; J. W. Leonard v W. J. Howard; G. W. Sewell v E. S. Howard; A. E. P. Guest v D. S. Green; J. J. Waite v D. Mohamed; C. C. Stark v F. H. Kwok; E. C. Fincher v K. H. Wong; J. J. Barrow v T. Hata; G. W. A. Tafton v Lee Wai-tai; F. Green v P. C. Koh; Taul Wai-pul v S. A. Gray; G. Lul v C. E. Holmes; H. D. Rumjahn v D. D. McKay; Lee Wai-tong v J. G. Lecky; A. L. Sullivan v F. D. Pereira.

Byes (lower half): G. A. White, D. B. Evans, W. Woo, Ho Ka-lau, E. Zimmern, R. Grenillet, T. Akiyama, T. Honda, G. C. Burnett, H. Lahring, R. R. Todd, Luk Ding-cheung, Perez Ali, H. Owen Hughes, Sai Wa-lung, Szeto Pick, R. B. Hambly, F. A. Redmond, W. C. Hung, Ng See-cheung, M. H. F. Waring, A. D. Humphreys, D. M. MacDougall.

Open Doubles.

Byes (top half): E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman, S. O. Hill and A. H. McBride, J. MacLennan and M. Kinoshita, E. T. E. Nash and partner, A. H. Barrow and F. J. Remedios, R. M. Henderson and T. C. Monaghan, A. J. de Silva and E. da Souza, G. A. White and G. C. Burnett, T. Akiyama and T. Honda, A. V. Gosano and C. A. Barretto.

First Round.—Lee Wai-tai and Lee Woon-lad v M. H. F. Waring and C. F. F. James; F. Green and R. Chan v Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit; A. R. Minu and A. H. Madar v Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheung; H. Lo and Lu Tak-cheuk v D. M. MacDougall and G. W. A. Tafton; C. F.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

CRAIGENGOWER SECONDS
WIN ON SUNDAY.

A friendly cricket match between the Parrees and the Craigenower Cricket Club seconds was played at the latter's ground on Sunday last and resulted in a win for the Craigenower by 24 runs. Scores:

Craigenower.
E. C. Barry, b Patell 10
J. Hunt, b Patell 18
F. A. Dominy, b Iranco 17
W. McBride, b Patell 0
E. Souza, b Patell 9
G. Gunn, run out 7
G. Ladd, b Patell 4
C. R. F. Sayer, not out 27
Y. Abbas, c Patell, b Iranco 0
F. Broadbridge, b Iranco 0
T. Dyer, b Patell 8
Extras 16

Total 118

Parrees.

B. A. Keravalla, c Hunt, b Abbas 28
A. B. Tata, run out 0
N. N. Dejonjee, c Dominy 0
R. Pestonjee, c Gunn, b Hunt 21
B. R. Iranco, c Gunn, b Souza 10
J. J. Patell, c Gunn, b Dominy 23
S. B. Tata, b Dominy 5
N. Randeella, b Souza 6
F. B. Tata, b Souza 0
J. P. Cooper, not out 1

Total 94

Hyde and M. W. Turner v A. V. Remedios and L. A. Bibeiro; Sai Wai-pul and F. H. Kwok v Taul Wai-pul and Taul Yan-pul; G. W. Sewell and L. Wright v Wong Fuk-nam and Ho Hin-yun; H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v Wong Shiu-wing and Chan Kam-moon; G. A. Noronha and L. A. da Rocha v Lu Tak-lam and Luk Chan-cheung; J. G. Lecky and J. J. Waite v J. W. Leonard and J. A. Cassumbhoy; S. A. Gray and W. Wirth v E. and F. R. Zimmern; R. Hancock and F. A. Redmond v Chul Chan-chul and W. C. Hung.

Eyes (lower half): R. B. Hambly and A. E. Collins; D. B. Evans and G. E. R. Divett; M. W. and M. K. Lo v H. N. Lee and Y. F. Chew; R. W. Amery and J. Sloan, L. T. Ride and A. L. Sullivan, S. E. and D. S. Green, W. M. Barton and A. C. I. Bowker, Y. V. Segalen and P. R. S. Walsham, O. E. C. Marten and H. Owen Hughes.

Club Championship.

Eyes (top half): S. E. Green, A. C. I. Bowker, C. C. Stark, A. B. Raworth, R. M. Henderson, L. T. Ride, D. S. Green, H. Owen Hughes, L. Goldman, C. F. Hyde, J. A. Lawson, C. E. Holmes.

First Round.—F. A. Redmond v A. H. McBride; L. Forster v L. M. S. Lloyd; A. D. Humphreys v W. M. Barton; V. R. Gordon v D. B. Evans; A. L. Sullivan v J. G. Lecky; D. J. Valentine v T. C. Monaghan; D. D. McKay v A. H. Harkins.

Byes (lower half): S. O. Hill, G. W. A. Tafton, M. H. F. Waring, H. J. S. Scull, J. J. Waite, G. W. Sewell, D. M. MacDougall, P. R. S. Walsham, R. M. Wood, E. T. E. Nash, Y. V. Segalen, R. R. Todd, J. J. Barrow.

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GEMS OF PERIL.

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You can actually see them from out here sometimes. The breeze has gone down, too, and that's always a sign. And the barometer's dropping. Don't believe it will be much of a blow coming from that direction, though. I sure wouldn't want to see much wind, with us stuck up here on this reef like this.

"How are you coming on that radio?" the other asked crossly, as if making the youth beside him directly responsible for it. But the sailor continued cheerful. "Sparks told me there wasn't a chance to get it working. Somebody's jammed it proper. He thinks we'll just have to stick it out here until some fishing party comes along or the patrol comes around to check up on the light. Captain said we'd wait another day and then if no one showed up he'd send a couple of men along the keys in the dinghy."

"You mean you could make it to Key West—30 miles—in that?" De Loma pointed down at the small tethered rowboat bumping awkwardly about beneath the stern.

"Sure. If the weather held good. When you get tired of rowing you could just beach her on a key and take a rest. They're only a few miles apart. And further in you'd be bound to pick up a fishing party that would take you on in to get help."

"Why hasn't some one tried that before this?" De Loma demanded. "We've been out on this reef in this damned sun for four days."

"Well, you see, this is the only good boat. That cackled up there (Mary held her breath as they turned to look up at the lifeboat behind which she was concealed) isn't any good—that is, for much of a row. And we'd have to take the only two pairs of oars we have. If a storm should come up and the party and to get over to Ford's business in that tub."

Crouched under the boat, she had been too intent on the conversation to notice the little black cloud of which the sailor had spoken, which had grown until it covered half the western sky. An occasional spurt of wind ruffled the sea, which otherwise lay glassy quiet under the moon.

The two men apparently became conscious of the approaching storm at almost the same moment. "See? What did I tell you!" the sailor pointed. "Here she comes. It won't be a bad one because you can see the edge of it there along the horizon, but it will be plenty damp while it lasts. Better get under cover, sir. I've got to get my oars."

The fly stood where he was after the other had gone, staring at the rolling-up mass of cloud. Suddenly he snapped his fingers, straightened with sudden decision and she saw him take something from his pocket. There was a sharp click, then he melted along the deck in the same noiseless way he had come.

A wisp of stray cloud flying ahead of the storm blotted out the moon just then. Mary scrambled from her hiding place and ran back along the top deck. There was still light enough to see that the deck below her was deserted.

What ought she to do? Rouse Bates? Was it really the click of a cartridge chamber she had heard, or might it have been the snapping shut of a cigarette case? Hardly that—for the only other smoker on board was Bates, and that young man would have swallowed his available supply of tobacco rather than share it with the fly.

While she hesitated, the first drops of rain hit her and before she could move the storm broke. The wind lashed at her clinging skirts which were soaked in a moment. She fled down the gangway to the comparative shelter of the lower deck. Breathless, she leaned against the bulkhead and pushed the wet hair out of her eyes.

The "Gypsy" was stirring unusually on the reef as the sea and wind pushed and tugged at her. As Mary felt her way along she passed Mr. Jupiter's window. His snore sounded even above the storm, but what was that other sound? Like someone stumbling against a chair.

The fly was in there. She knew it. She could feel his presence. In the darkness of the room he must be able to see her head silhouetted against the opening. She turned and ran blindly back along the deck. She must get someone. Where was Bates' room? She had never thought to find out and now she wanted to know so desperately. Bruce. She turned and pushed open his door.

"Bruce! Bruce! Get up! Someone's in your father's stateroom!" "What?" Roused suddenly from sleep, Bruce sat up so quickly he almost knocked her over. "The fly! He's in your father's room. Quick!"

She had hated Bruce, but she could have kissed him for the quickness with which he grasped the situation. Leaping from bed, he fumbled an instant on the table, and was out the door. "Stay there!"

Mary was after him, though, before he could take half a dozen strides. As she rounded the bulkhead which hid Mr. Jupiter's door from that of Bruce she heard the heavy impact of two bodies, and two shots—so close together they seemed almost one. Something pitched headlong onto the deck at her feet. For the space of a

A NEW ARRIVAL.

DUTCH VESSEL'S FIRST VISIT.

A new arrival in port yesterday was the Dutch vessel Abbecker, which arrived from Sabang, under the command of Captain Fries. She carried a general cargo of 1,900 tons for Hongkong, and 6,150 tons of through cargo.

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"Bruce!" she screamed suddenly, terrified by the stillness. As she started forward, a plunging form came out of the blackness, struck her and hurled her bodily aside. She was knocked off her balance, her head hit something hard and she slipped down in a dead faint. (To be Continued.)

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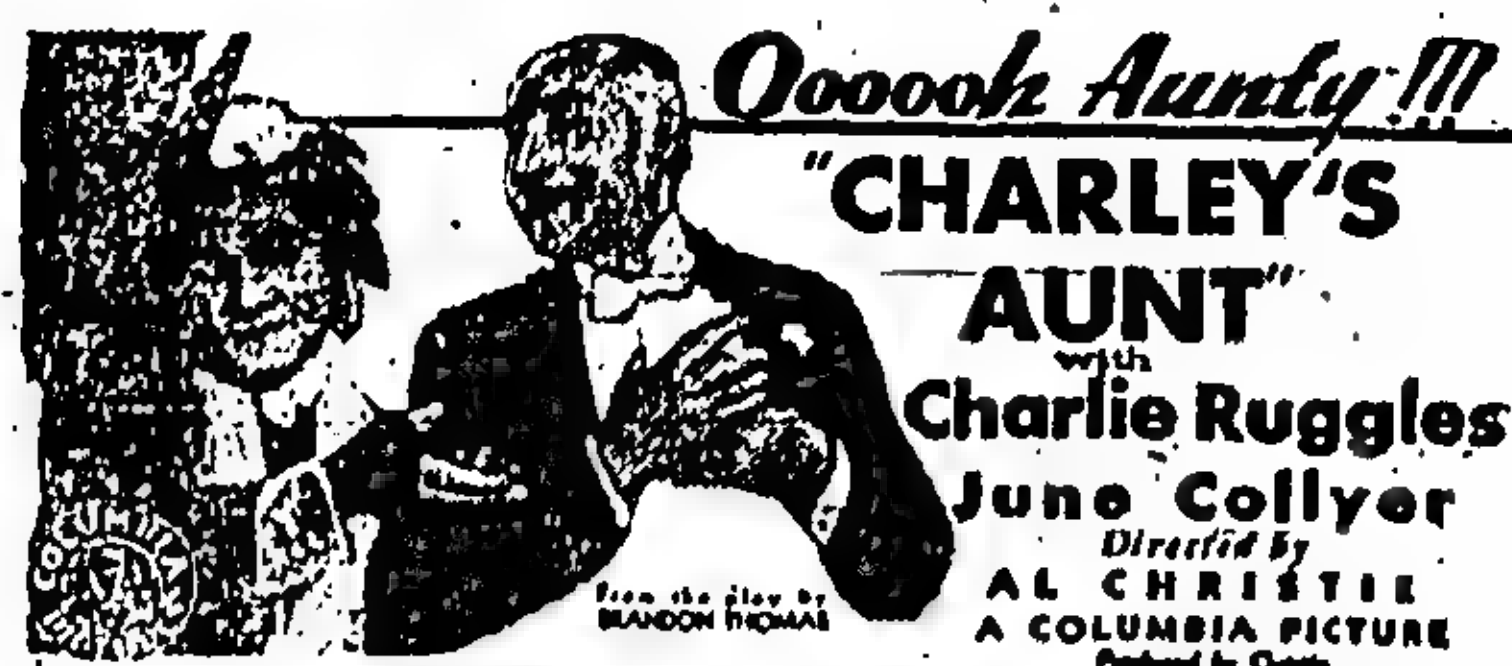
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been thinking of her and say that
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day. We saw faith fulfilled, vin-
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choir, co-operating in any way
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She will be greatly missed in her
home, where she was so devotedly
loved, and also in this Church and
in the community."

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such as these, and to the Church
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pathy of the Church is extended to
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ity of the Divine companionship."

OBITUARY.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF
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The death occurred early yes-
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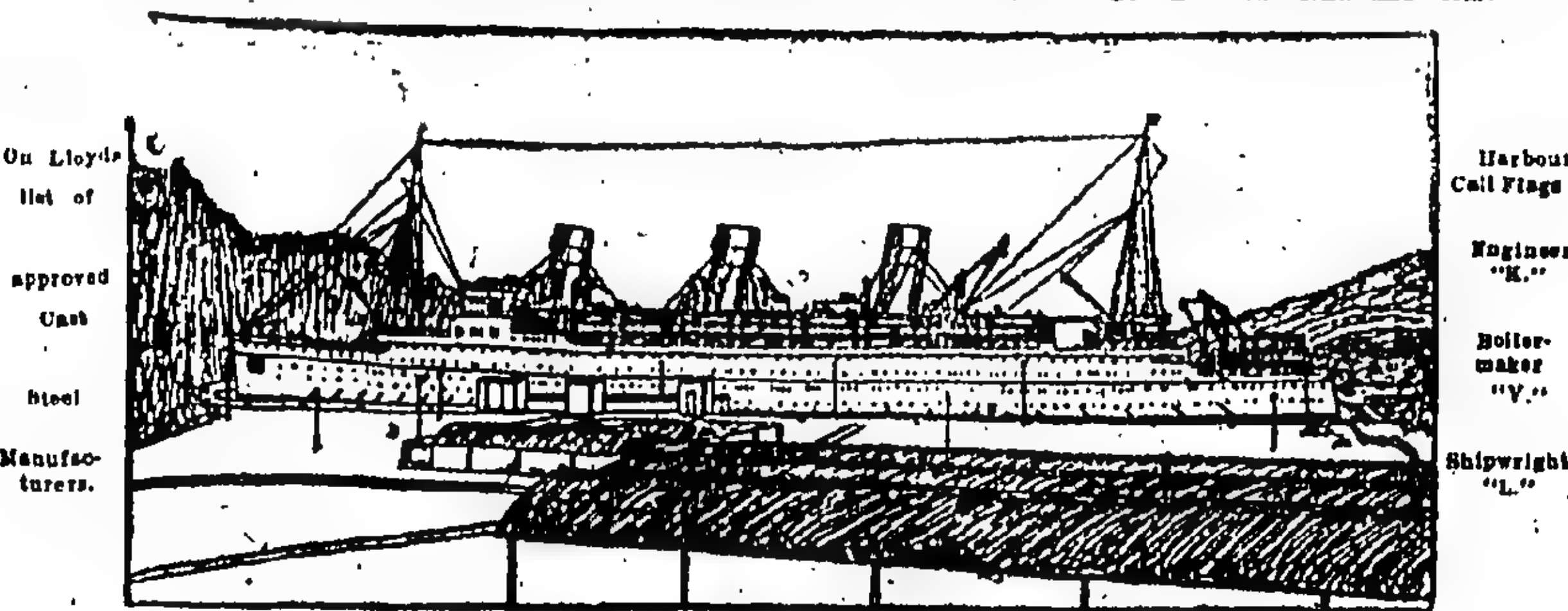


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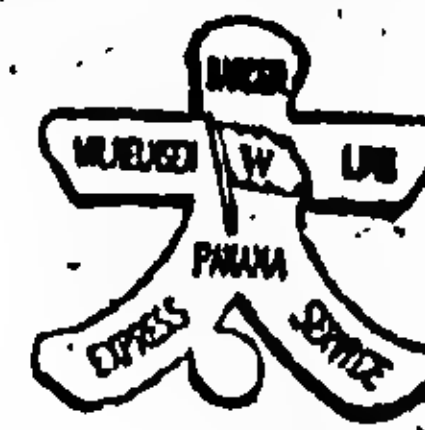
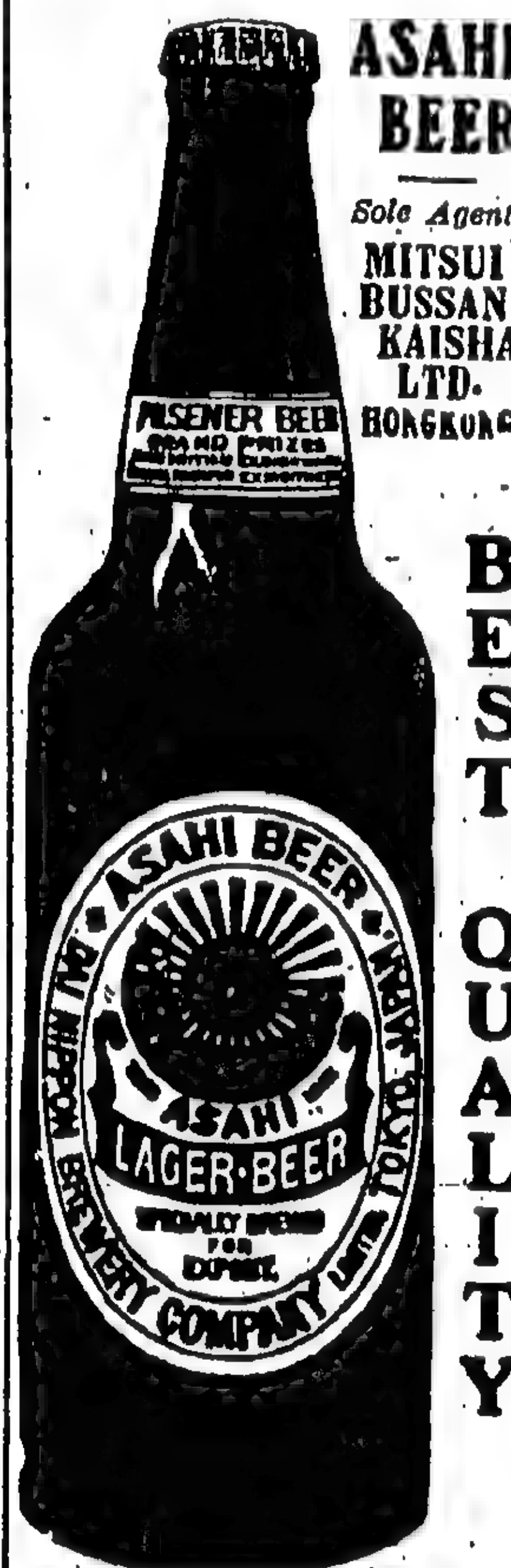
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After a week of unusual thrills
and first rate entertainment, Hong-
kong turned out again in good
force last night for the change of
programme presented by Harms-
ton's Circus, which is playing
nightly at Kowloon, and a crowd-
ed tent enjoyed a pot-pourri of
laughter, excitement, and sus-
pense.

Easily the cleverest acrobats
seen in Hongkong for many years,
the Palomar quartette again pro-
vided the finest turn of the even-
ing and this talented family of
performers were given an ovation
which was thoroughly merited.

The trick riding by Miss Wil-
liams and Jack Williams, who is
known as the "bouncing jockey,"
was greatly appreciated and their
amazing feats on horses as they
cantored round the ring were
breath-taking but exhilarating.

The "Dare-Devil" Moscovitch
had the audience spellbound with
extraordinary displays of teeth-
suspending, while equally enter-
taining, and no less thrilling, was
the cycle track-riding of Delroy,
Kitty, Millie and Charlie Frank.

Miss Palomar contributed one
of the outstanding performances
of the evening with some extremely
clever tight-wire walking and
dancing, and of course, Delroy
was again to the fore with some
new juggling.

Chocolate, the irrepressible
clown, held the floor from the
opening overture of the orchestra
to the final bow of the lion-tamer,
and his antics and drollery kept
the audience highly amused.

After the impression he created
during last week, the appearance
of Little Peter was eagerly anti-
cipated, and his clever fooling
supplied one of the "hits" of the
evening.

Mr. W. Harmston again re-
vealed how well he had trained
his animals to understand and
obey his orders and the demon-
strations by the horses and
elephants were thoroughly ap-
preciated.

DARTMOOR PRISON.

THE FEARS OF FURTHER
TROUBLE UNFOUNDED.

London, Feb. 1.

A recrudescence of the trouble
at Dartmoor Prison was expected
on Sunday when all the prisoners
were paraded together for the
first time since the trouble for
church parade, which, however,
passed off without incident.

The soldiers have been with-
drawn from the Dartmoor area,
but there are still heavy police
patrols in the district. There
are stopping all motorists in the
neighbourhood of the prison.

As a precautionary measure, a
Lewis gun and crew have been
left in the prison. —*Reuter's
Special Service.*

THE BIBLE UNION OF CHINA.

LOCAL BRANCH INAUGURATED BY DR. CLIFT.

Speaking at a meeting held last
night at 240, Nathan Road, in-
augurating the Hongkong Branch
of the Bible Union of China, Dr.
H. Lechmore Clift, Corresponding
Secretary to Kwangtung and Hong-
kong, stated, in part:

Several years ago an Association
was formed, among missionaries
in China, to preserve the Old Faith
and to take a stand on the full
inspiration of Holy Scripture.

The object of the meeting this
evening is to start a Branch of
this Union in Hongkong.

Jesus said: "No man putteth
new wine into old bottles" (St.
Luke V, 37). This was an illustra-
tion of a Divine principle. We
could not expect the truth of the
Holy Spirit therefore to be en-
shrined in heathen myth, or mixed
up with unreliable history, as
the Psalmist says (CXIX, 160):
"The sum of Thy Word is Truth."

We do not believe the Bible to be
partly inspired and partly untrue.
In the same way God never
makes the "old man" of sin. He
makes him a new creature before
pouring in His Holy Spirit.

Criticism Not New.

Biblical criticism is not new.
Two thousand years ago the
Sadducees accepted the books of
Moses but rejected those of the
Prophets. This method led them
inevitably to a limiting of Revela-
tion, and they ended by denying
the possibility of a Resurrection of
the body.

Jesus said that even the limited
Scriptures which they accepted
disproved their theories; and he
declared that their unbelief was
the result of ignorance of the Word
of God and doubts of His Power
(St. Mark XII, 18-27).

Our Lord accepted all the Old
Testament Scriptures. He quoted
on one occasion the book of
Deuteronomy, three times when
confronted by the Tempter (St.
Matt. IV, 1-10). He said that if
men would not hear Moses and the
Prophet (i.e. the Old Testament
Scripture), "neither would they
be persuaded if one rose from the
dead" (St. Luke XVI, 31).

St. Peter says (in St. Peter III,
15-16) that St. Paul was inspired
in all his Epistles; and that it was
ignorance which made men cavil
at these "and the other Scriptures."

The Bible Union of China is not
a Society to attack others, but to
bind together all Evangelical
Christians who "contend earnestly
for the faith once for all delivered
to the Saints" (St. Jude, 3).

There was a very satisfactory
attendance at the meeting, includ-
ing the Rev. Mr. W. Scott, from
Nanning, who spoke of the work
of the Union in Kwangsi.

The organizers look forward to a
long period of useful activity, and
are gratified by the support receiv-
ed and the addition of new mem-
bers of the Union.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE WORLD.

CRASH OF THE GIANT
METEOR.

An accident in the solar system
—of the type which may one
day bring about the end of this
world—is thought to be the cause
of the giant meteor which, was
recently seen over Lisbon.

The meteor, which passed over
the town with a roar like an
express train and lit up the coun-
try for miles around, is believed
to have fallen in the Atlantic.

It is described as appearing to
be three times the size of the
moon as seen in the sky.

British astronomers, who are
awaiting official observations
from scientists in Portugal, say
that the meteor belonged to no
known meteor stream.

"It may be one of those acci-
dents which happen in the solar
system," said Dr. Whipple, super-
intendent of the New Observa-
tory.

"One belief is that giant
meteors are lumps of the sun or
from some other solar system
which have been travelling
through space for thousands of
years, until finally they happen to
hit our earth."

"It is quite possible that one
day a really enormous one may
hit the earth. It would be no
laughing matter, for it would be
the end of the world for us."

"Some indication that this is
a very real peril was given when
the largest meteor ever known fell
in Siberia in 1908, destroying
miles of forest."

Dr. A. C. D. Crommelin,
formerly president of the Royal
Astronomical Society, said that
despite the apparent closeness
of the meteor to Lisbon it was prob-
ably 50 to 80 miles above the
town as it hurtled towards the
Atlantic.

An Astronomical Correspond-
ent writes:

These very large meteors occa-
sionally reach the earth's surface
before they are dissipated into
vapour by the friction of our
atmosphere. More frequently
they are completely burnt up
before coming within 50 miles of
the ground.

When the great meteor fell in
Siberia in 1908, the heat of the
explosion fired the country around
and laid waste hundreds of square
miles of forest land.

Vast herds of animals were
destroyed, but fortunately the dis-
trict was not inhabited by human
beings. One wonders what might
happen if a similar visitation
occurred in England.

An Indian watchman, named Asar
Singh, was drowned in the harbour
yesterday, his body being later re-
covered near the s.s. Venezia, aboard
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ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

MR. DAVID DAVIES THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. David Davies was elected
president of the St. David's Society
of Hongkong in succession to Mr.
G. S. Hugh Jones at the annual
meeting of the Society held in the
Chamber of Commerce offices yester-
day.

The following members were
present:—Mr. David Davies, Mr.
G. S. Hugh Jones, Mr. R. H.
Davies, Mrs. J. G. Hooper, Miss
F. M. Hughes, Mr. W. T. Lewis,
Capt. R. D. Thomas, Mr. D. F.
Davis, and Mr. E. R. Price (Hon.
Secretary and Treasurer).

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones presided
at the outset, and proposed the
adoption of the report and accounts,
which were unanimously carried.

The Report.

The report read:
As St. David's Day fell on a
Sunday, the Annual Dinner was
held on Saturday, 28th February.

We were pleased to welcome to
the Dinner representatives of
Officers and Men of the 1st
Battalion, The South Wales
Borderers, including the Male Voice
Choir, whose singing was a most
enjoyable feature of the evening.
The thanks of the Committee are
also due to the following Members
who contributed to the programme
of entertainment: Mrs. F. C.
Rendall, Mrs. J. G. Hooper and Mr.
D. M. Richards.

On St. David's Day, a wreath
was laid on the Cenotaph by the
President, supported by Members
of the Committee and other Mem-
bers of the Society.

Telegraphic messages of con-
gratulations were exchanged be-
tween the Society and Welsh
Societies in Shanghai and Bombay.

The Society again supported
Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Ex-
Service Men by contributing \$30
for poppies which were designed
in the form of the Welsh Dragon
and laid on the Cenotaph on the
11th November.

Officers.

After his election to the pre-
sidency, Mr. David Davies oc-
cupied the chair, when the follow-
ing officers were appointed:—Mr.
R. H. Davies (Vice-President),
Mr. E. R. Price (Hon. Secretary
and Treasurer); committee, Mrs.
Hooper, Mrs. F. C. Rendall, Mrs.
Thomas, Mr. D. F. Davis and Mr.
W. T. Lewis.

It was decided to again hold a
dinner to celebrate St. David's



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upon to do so.

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PERMANENTLY
ENRICH THE BLOOD.**

Day on Tuesday, March 1, and it
was agreed that invitations be sent
to representatives of the South
Wales Borderers to attend, as well
as the Male Voice Choir.
A suggestion that the subscrip-
tion be raised to \$5 per annum
was referred to the next annual
meeting.

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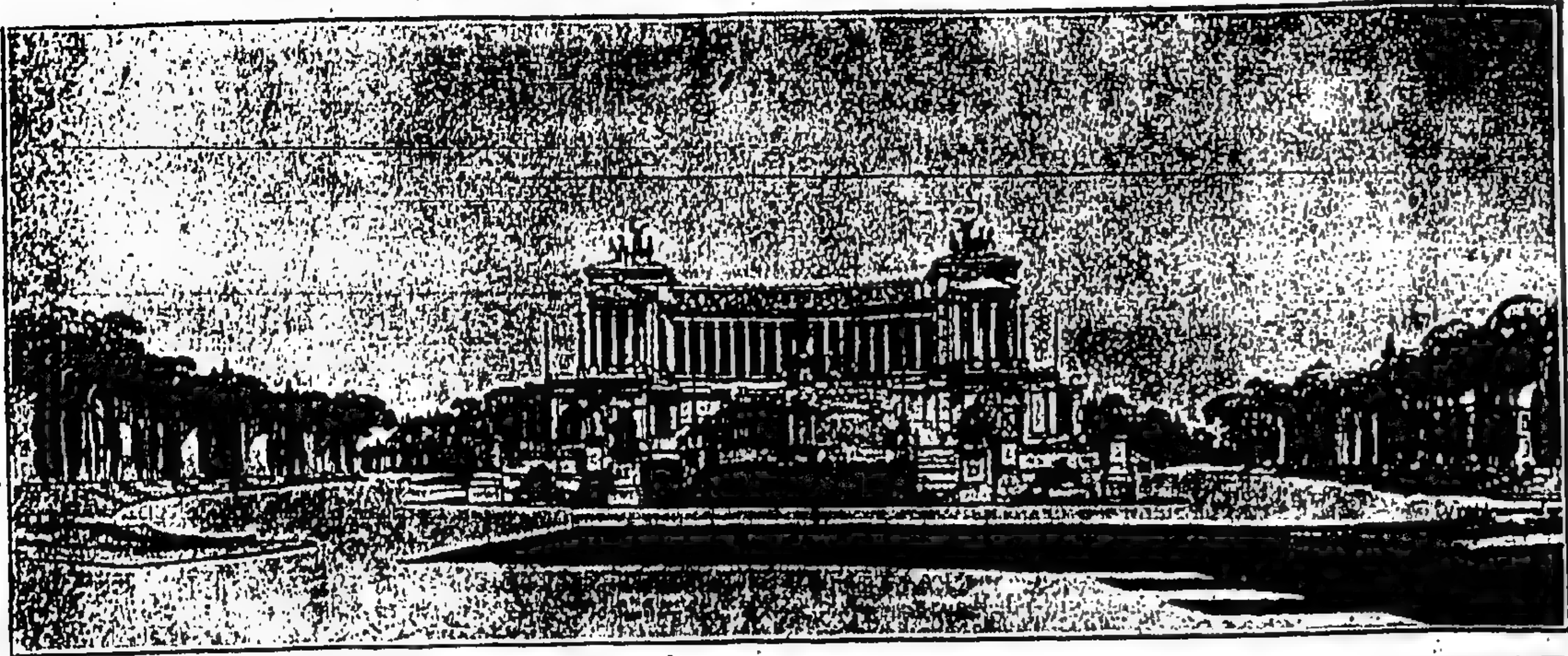
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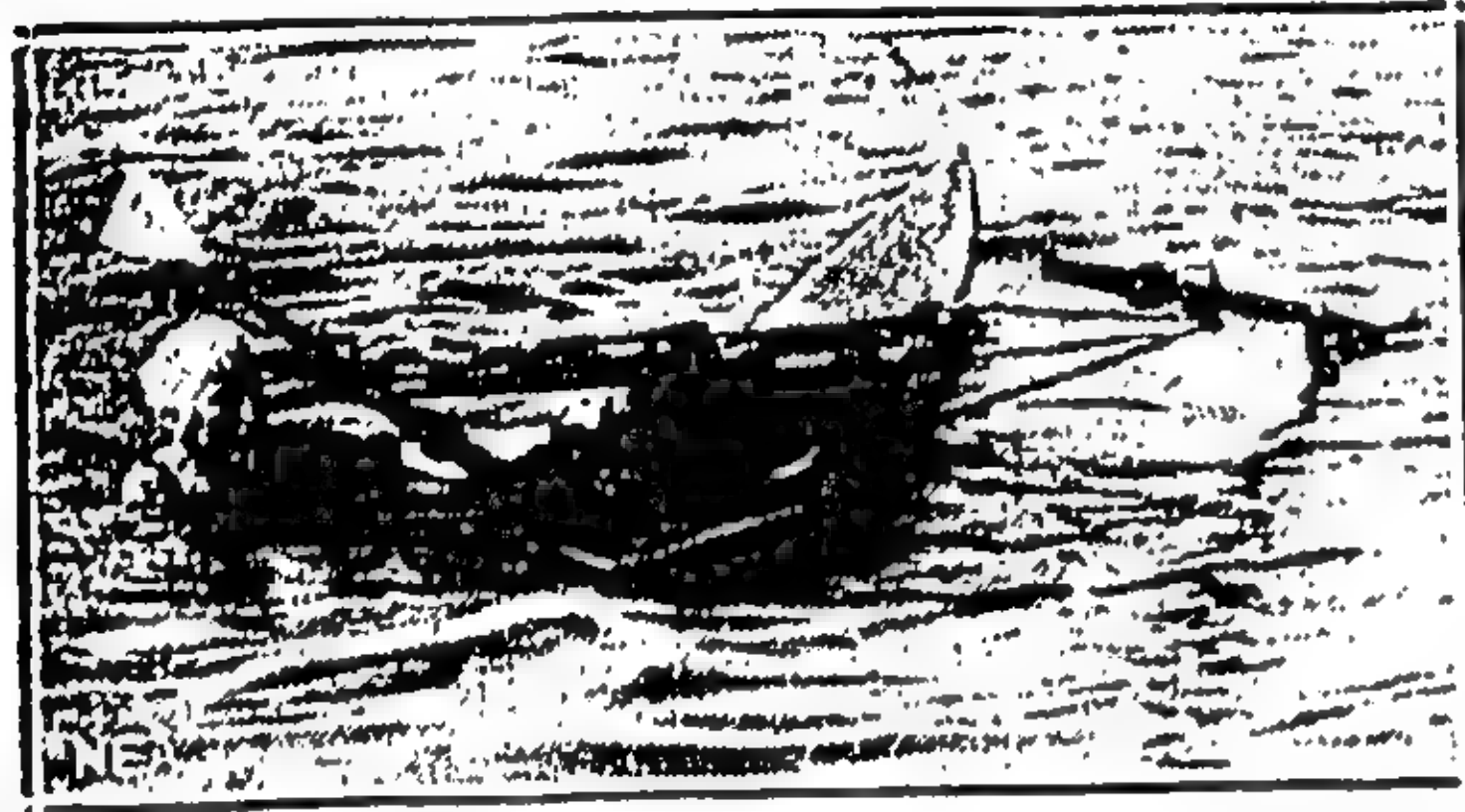
TOWN PLANNING IN BEAUTIFUL ROME: DOUGIE AT ST. MORITZ



A sketch illustrating Senator Corrado Ricci's plan for planting trees round the Victor Emanuel monument in Rome. In addition to the second phase, in the operations for isolating the monument, the opening of the new road which is to join the Piazza Venezia with the Coliseum has begun. (Times copyright).



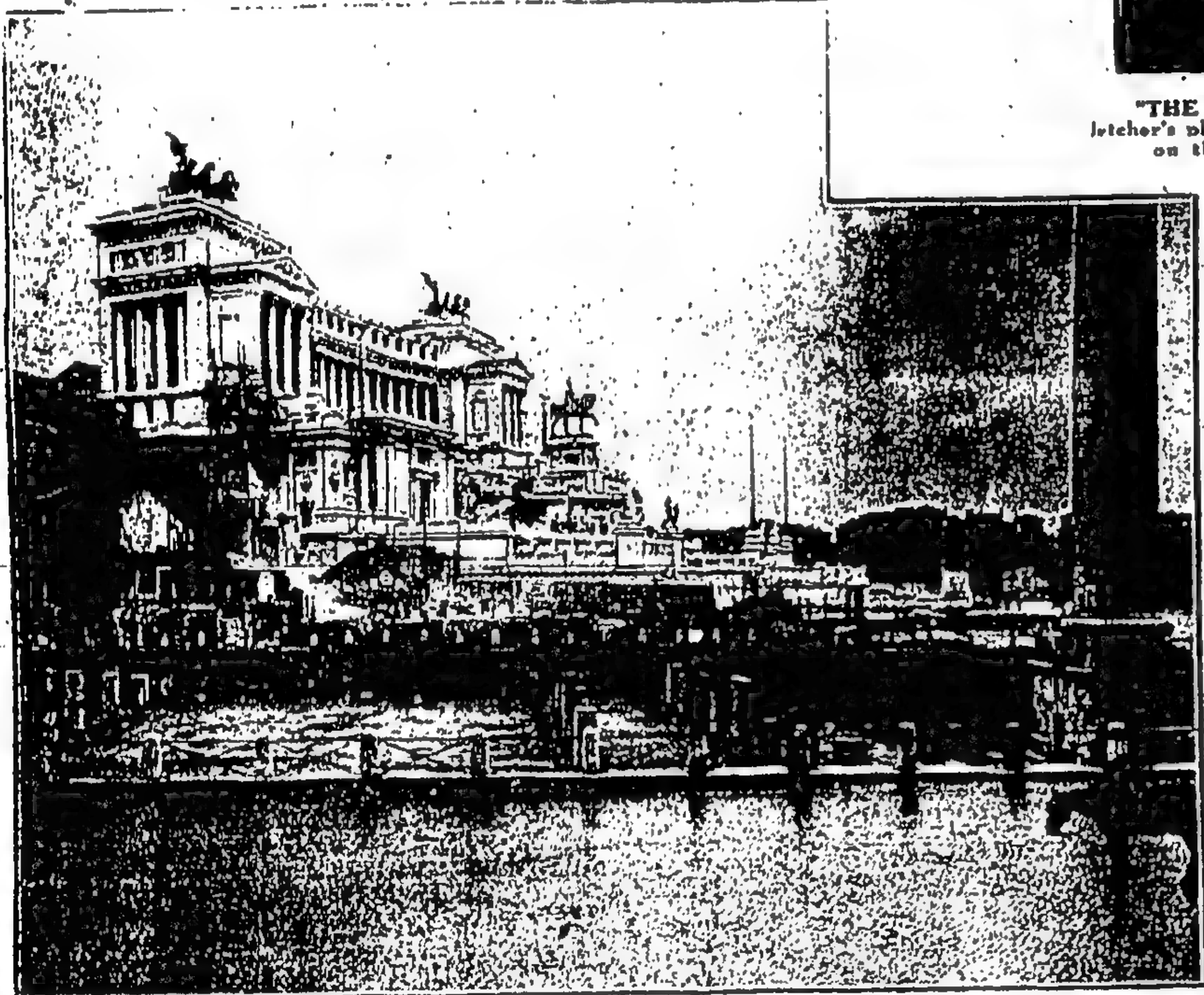
Douglas Fairbanks on the ski run near St. Moritz, Switzerland, recently.



Gar Wood, the American motorboat expert, made slower progress through the water when he took a spill from a skiff and had to swim for the shore. Photo shows the Commodore immediately after his ducking.



"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE." A scene from Beaumont and Litcher's play, which is to be produced at the Old Vic. Miss Sybil Thorndike (seated on the right) takes the part of the Citizen's wife. (Times copyright).



The demolition of all buildings now standing between Tarjan's Forum and the Victor Emanuel Monument in Rome is now in progress, and our picture shows the houses have been demolished. The work is part of the scheme for the new planning of the city. (Times copyright).



The air, sea and land transportation, represented in this picture may presage a new form of taxi service. For the auto-giro is shown taking off from a New York pier, where it had landed amid trucks and autos. Its passenger was Juan La Llerena, inventor of the craft, who had just landed from a liner.

Gems of Peril

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

HAZEL
ROSS HALEY

Mary Harkness, plots to ensure the Fly, who "framed" her brother, Eddie, with the murder of Mrs. Jupiter and ran him down to keep him from telling. She is aided by Mr. Jupiter and Bowen of the Star. Mary's fiancé, Dirk Huxford, believes Eddie guilty and breaks with Mary when she will not give up the investigation.

Mary sails for Miami on the Jupiter yacht to follow The Fly, Bruce Jupiter, and Countess Louise, a questionable friend, so alone. They vow to rout Mary, who they consider a gold-digger trying to steal Bruce's inheritance. Bruce quarrels with Louise over a diamond bracelet she says belongs to Mary. De Loma gave it to her as security for a loan. Bruce makes her give the bracelet to Mary, who discovers it was stolen from Mrs. Jupiter the night she was killed.

Louise introduces the party to Count De Loma, who Mary learns is The Fly. Using the Jupiter necklace as bait, Mary dances with him. He gets it from her by a ruse, then kisses her. Dirk knocks him down.

Injured and unconscious, Dirk is taken aboard the yacht, the "Gypsy." The Fly goes along and tries again to steal the necklace. Louise gives Mary proof that the countess is an adventuress. The "Gypsy" sails with all on board. The Fly realizes he has walked into a trap. The "Gypsy" goes aground on a reef.

The boat, monstrous and continual sight of old Port Jefferson, crises nearby drive The Fly, partly, frantic.

CHAPTER XLV

De Loma pushed Mary roughly to one side and leaned over the rail, peering down into the clear water. The moon silvered it so that it was like a mirror to one looking down from above.

Bates jumped almost as quickly as The Fly had and asked him by the arm.

"What do you mean by speaking to Miss Harkness that way?" he demanded, shaking the other's

viselike grip loose from the rail. By a visible effort of will De Loma got his emotions under control. He bowed stiffly from the waist to Mary.

"My apologies," he said. "I forgot myself." He turned and left.

The others had rushed to the rail and were offering suggestions about the recovery of the stones.

"You can see them by daylight. Why not leave them there till morning?" was Louise's surprising suggestion.

"And have them washed off the reef, perhaps? Nonsense!" Bruce snapped.

Mr. Jupiter remained seated. He was apparently unruffled by the mishap and called up to the bridge to Hendricks. The captain ordered two men over the side to dive for the necklace and in 10 minutes one of them had found it and returned it.

But the truce was over. Before long what remained of the party broke up. Bates walked with Mary to her stateroom.

"He gave himself away that time," he growled. "I wish I'd throw him overboard."

"He's like a crazy man. Why isn't he allowed to drink?" Bates did not answer for a minute.

"A man who is—not himself—is hardly fair game," he said.

Three days passed, as like as pens, except for the heat which grew steadily worse. The glare of the sun on the water was so bright it scared the eyeballs. The heat on deck was frightful but below stairs it was stifling. The tempers of all on board the "Gypsy" were strained to snapping point.

The boat's master alone remained tranquil and appeared to be enjoying himself. Every morning, before dawn, he was out in the dinghy, sometimes returning with a catch, sometimes not. Bates stayed behind, smoking interminably, in the shade of the bridge, unobtrusively keeping an eye on things. There was no enter any pretence of association between the others. All were tense, waiting, while overhead, in a corner of the chart-room, the tinkering with the radio apparatus went endlessly on.

Mary kept to herself—the monotony was wearing on her, too—but she did not go near Dirk again. The invalid's ankle was so much improved that he was able to be carried on deck, and there he and an amiable steward played bridge for hours on end.

De Loma had gone to his stateroom the night the necklace had taken its unexpected plunge overboard and came out only rarely. Louise was the restless one now. She had developed a savage temper and lashed at all who crossed her path, even Bruce. De Loma, of the services of a beauty parlor and still wearing the same gown in which she had come aboard, she began to look less the siren and more the shrew.

That night—the night of the fourth day—Mary lay in her bed staring wild-eyed into the darkness. Sleep seemed farther away than the hot stars that hung low and burning bright in a sky that pressed down smotheringly just above her porthole window.

She tried to shake it off, but the sense of impending disaster was heavy on her heart. The crowded events of the last few days—Dirk's fight with De Loma, her anxiety for the necklace, his fiery resentment at being brought aboard the yacht, and then this unforeseen mishap—had been almost too much for her nerves.

It was breathlessly hot. Mary slipped on a thin black silk coat and stepped out on deck. Through the open portholes of Mr. Jupiter's stateroom came the sound of his heavy breathing. He, at least, could sleep, and she was thankful for that.

There was a faint breath of air—scarcely more than a stirring. She stood gratefully a moment in the black shadow cast by the upper deck, almost invisible in her black wrap. Back along the deck a stateroom door opened and someone stepped out on deck. Mary hesitated, uncertain whether to turn back. The other moved to the rail and stood there, apparently unaware of her existence. The girl stepped further back into the shadows and stood silent, waiting for him to go away.

Who could it be? She tried to estimate what door it was he had come from—Louise's door came first, then Bruce's, then De Loma's. He was not tall enough to be Bruce. He must be The Fly.

He stood a moment or two longer, then glided away down the deck

so softly that she was not aware of it until he had gone. That staring wild-eyed into the darkness. Sleep seemed farther away than the hot stars that hung low and burning bright in a sky that pressed down smotheringly just above her porthole window.

At the first gangway she climbed quickly up to take refuge in the shadows under the lifeboat perched there. Peering cautiously over the edge she saw him leaning over the rail-rail, looking down at the little dinghy bobbing about in the uneasy sea.

"Looks like a storm coming up." A voice just beneath her caused her to jump. The Fly also must have been startled, for he swung about quickly.

Out of the shadows almost under Mary's nose the sailor on deck watch appeared and strolled over to the rail to join him.

"Storm, eh?" He turned back to staring at the sea.

The sailor apparently was lonely for someone to talk to, and was not to be easily repulsed. "Yes, sir, it certainly looks like we were in for a good one. See that black patch over there? That's one forming or I miss my guess. (Continued on Page 10.)

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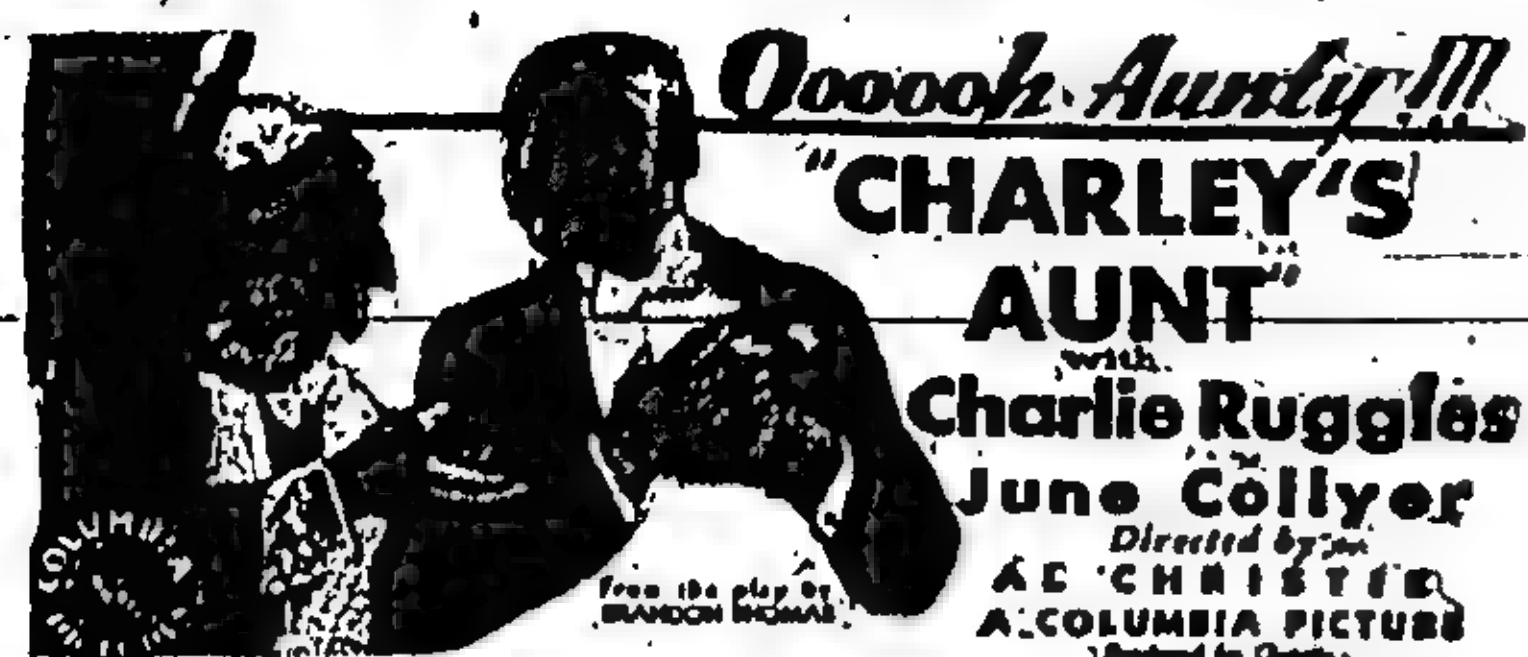
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Political Intrigue—a theme as old as civilization, forms the story-substance of "The Secret Six"—combined of course with another theme, even older than civilization—romance. "Old, but damned interesting," as the fellow said.

This stirring drama, written by William C. deMille, and directed by Stuart Walker, has been giving patrons at the King's Theatre a more-than-usual amount of entertainment.

Aside from the high-pressure plot tension of the production there is considerable interest in the appearance in the cast of Peggy Shannon, perhaps the most beautiful exponent of the art of flashing "it" that screen fandom has seen in many a movie moon.

Miss Shannon was one of the lucky beauties picked by Ziegfeld for his "Follies" a couple of years ago. She next appeared in Earl Carroll's "Vanities" and then, played in 15 stage productions, gaining a valuable experience in dramatics. Paramount signed her for the production during her appearance with Ernest Frueck in "Lupin" in New York.

When Clara Bow was taken suddenly ill a few weeks ago, Miss Shannon was quickly shunted into the void, an assignment which she filled without ever having had any previous screen experience under Walker's capable direction she has proved to be a real "find".

Richard Arlen plays the role of her lover in "The Secret Six". He is seen as the son of William B. Davidson, "the big boss" of a political party which has the city voters in its grip. Miss Shannon's father, Harry Beresford, a minor politician, is made the "goat" of the organization through the shady operations of Davidson, and he dies of a broken heart. Peggy vows revenge on Davidson and his cohorts, unknown to Arlen.

She gets a job as a telephone operator in a big hotel and thus turns damaging secrets about the political leaders. She is in a position to scandalize and wreck the "machine" and is about to vindicate her father's death when a series of circumstances a startling name change the entire aspect of her adventure. The picture ends happily for the lovers.

The cast includes some of the best character actors in the film capital. Ned Sparks, Jed Prouty, Charles Trowbridge, Jane Keith, Charles D. Brown, Larry Steers and Claire Dodd.

"The Virtuous Sin".

Although six of his plays have been produced on motion pictures, Martin Brown did his first writing directly for the screen when he was assigned to adapt another playwright's drama for the talking screen.

Brown adapted and wrote dialogue for the Paramount camerization of Lajos Zilahy's play, "The General", retitled "The Virtuous Sin", and which will show at the King's Theatre, on Wednesday next.

Brown's first play was filmed by Paramount some years ago. This was "A Very Good Young Man" in which Bryant Washburn was starred. Since that time, five other plays have become motion pictures. Babe Daniels was starred in his "The Exciter", Norma Talmadge did "The Lady", and Rudolph Valentino was seen in "Cobra". "Great Music" was filmed with Richard Barthelmess in the starring role.

Brown's first play to reach the talking screen was "Paris" in which Irene Bordoni and Jack Buchanan carried the leading parts.

"The Idol" was recently purchased by Warner Brothers for an Emil Jannings vehicle.

"Cobra" was filmed. Brown has received offers to write for motion pictures. Living in Monte Carlo and enjoying the solitude as a place to write his plays, Brown never seriously considered accepting work in screen writing.

Last fall, however, he was called to New York for a conference about a new play of his. After settling his business, he was selected to join the Paramount writing staff. He came to Hollywood recently and, after studying talking film making, began work on "The Virtuous Sin".

You've heard about a canary who was eaten by a cat, so this will be about a golden-throated Hariz Mountain roller who sang a love finale to a charming and romantic scene between Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

It happened during the filming of "Merely Mary Ann," the famous screen lovers' latest starring picture for Fox Films, opening next Saturday at the King's Theatre. "Dickie" plays an important part as Janet's pet

and the little songster would burst into thrilling cascades of melody on almost every occasion except when the cameras, lights and microphones were focused upon him.

Finally, Director Henry King recalled the sun in the morning with a joyous aria, so he acted for a special scene to be taken at daybreak, and sure enough, the carolling of the canary which welled into the microphones came almost as an apology for his impudence which had frustrated the sound men for days.

Mario Dressler and Polly Moran in "Politics."

"Politics," which brings Mario Dressler to the Queen's Theatre in her first picture as a full-fledged star, is unique in that it gives her equal opportunity as a comedienne and as a dramatic actress. In it she makes laughs as in "Reducing" and "Caught Short," and at the same time rises to dramatic heights as in "Anna Christie" or "Min and Bill."

The new picture is a comedy drama of political life. Miss Dressler plays a housewife who, goaded to action by conditions in her town, runs for mayor, organizes the women's vote and drives out gangster rule. Polly Moran plays her political manager and aide in battle.

Charles L. Klinger who filmed "Caught Short" and "Reducing" directed the new picture, in which a notable cast appears. Roscoe Ates is seen as the comic barber, Karen Morley, recently seen in "Never the Twain Shall Meet," and William Bakewell of "All About the Western Front" and other hits, are the romantic leads, and John Miljan, noted in "The Secret Six," is the gangster ruler.

The story is an original by Zelda Sears and Malcolm Stuart Roylan. It was adapted by William Rost and dialogue by Robert E. Hopkins.

High spots include Miss Dressler's dramatic denunciation of the crooked mayor in the political rally, her defiance to the gang leader, the attempt of the husbands to break up the women's rally which ruins Maria's speech, her retaliation by calling the women of the town out on strike against their husbands, the comical torchlight procession, the formation of the vigilance committee, and the arguments between herself and Miss Moran.

While most of the story is screamingly funny, the tense dramatic moments disclose Miss Dressler as a character actress of compelling force. The picture was produced lavishly with one of the largest exterior sets ever built and hundreds of people appear in the torchlight procession, political rallies and other dramatic high spots.

Duster Keaton Film.

Professional Japanese wrestlers found that an American comedy star knew all their tricks, when the experts were engaged to coach Buster Keaton for his wrestling sequence in "Sidekicks of New York," which will come on Friday, to the Queen's Theatre.

The experts were brought to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios to help work out wrestling holds, which Keaton was then to burlesque for the sake of comedy. Buster proceeded to show them some wrestling holds, and finally they agreed that the comedian knew as many tricks as they did.

"That's it I learned on the stage as an acrobat—part from wrestling when I was in the army," explained Keaton.

The new picture, directed by Jules White and Zion Myers, is a comical romance of life in the New York tenement districts. Keaton is cast as a millionaire's son who falls in love with a tenement girl and tries to control her tough younger brother for her sake.

He starts a gymnasium, tries to be a big brother to the youngsters of the neighbourhood and encounters result first and furious. He gets in trouble when he tries to stage a wrestling match, more when tries to be a boxer as a good example to the youngsters—and then a gang leader marks him as prey and he's dodging bullets when he isn't dodging other woes.

Anita Page plays the heroine and Cliff Edwards is seen as Puggie, the comic valet. Norman Phillips, Jr., plays the principal juvenile role as Clinger, the tough younger brother and Frank Rowan is the gangster Marshall and others are in the cast in which some two hundred small boys appear in hilarious chases, fights and other laughable incidents.

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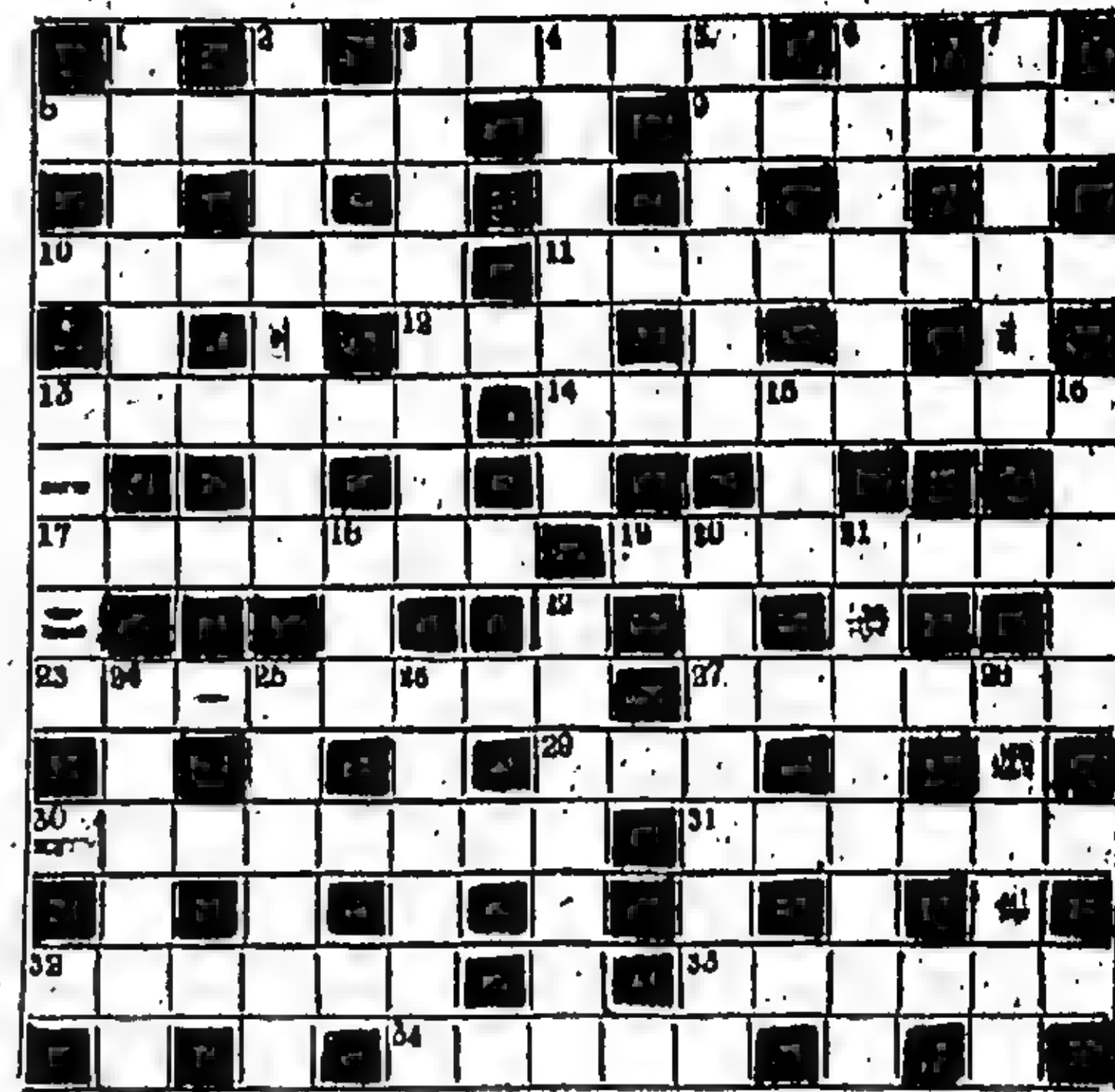
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- 5 English county which tells you where to cross the river.
- 6 Letters introducing an early astronomer.
- 7 Make your own selection for this.
- 8 "And are you fond of—dear?" "No, but I only have to do it when mummy wants people to go."
- 9 This Irishman might go to America, and on his return, with a change of head, have become a low bully.
- 10 Lattice work which, from one point of view, would mean more than money to a Scotoman.
- 11 Study a Mediterranean island to be united in growth.
- 12 An ecclesiastical crime.
- 13 This professional (like most of them) is rather short.
- 14 An electrical component buried in a certain part of South Africa has power to affect the whole nation.
- 15 Shaped like a Tyro.
- 16 Full of signs—if not of portents.
- 17 Adroitly planned from a signal in the ring.
- 18 Write a letter in case and destroy it.

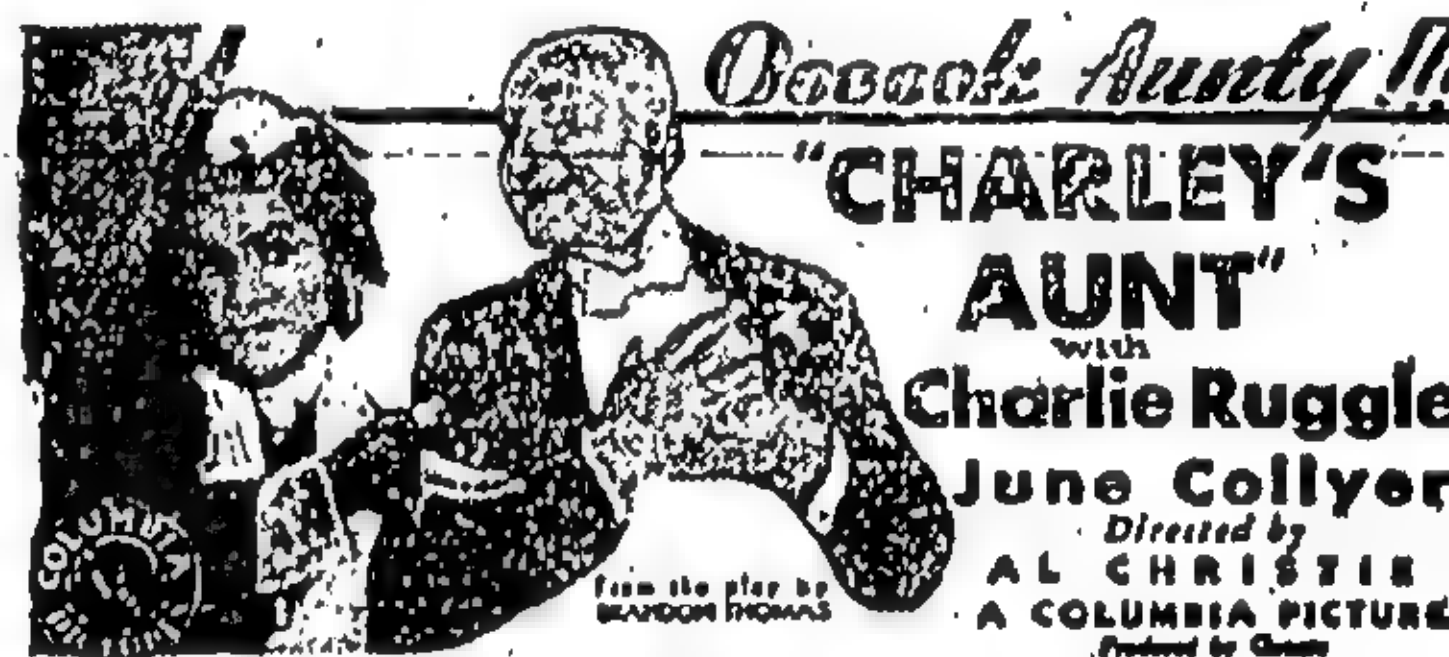
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- 1 After three, this causes much rejoicing in the States.

- 2 Indicates the state of he who is first—and who wears the second.
- 3 The rightful Duke of Milan.
- 4 Near the shore.
- 5 Watch this Madagascar hedgehog break into a canter.
- 6 Isn't it sweet?
- 7 A regular customer.
- 8 This is funny.
- 9 There are said to be no snakes in this land.
- 10 Windy.
- 11 Three-quarters of twice two.
- 12 We may "Love, true," but let us remain firm and steady (anag.).
- 13 Place a fruit by a haystack and find them in Ireland.
- 14 Exactly the same.
- 15 Demosthenes was a famous one.
- 16 Is required twice in an emergency.
- 17 Girl's name.
- 18 This acid is aquafortis.

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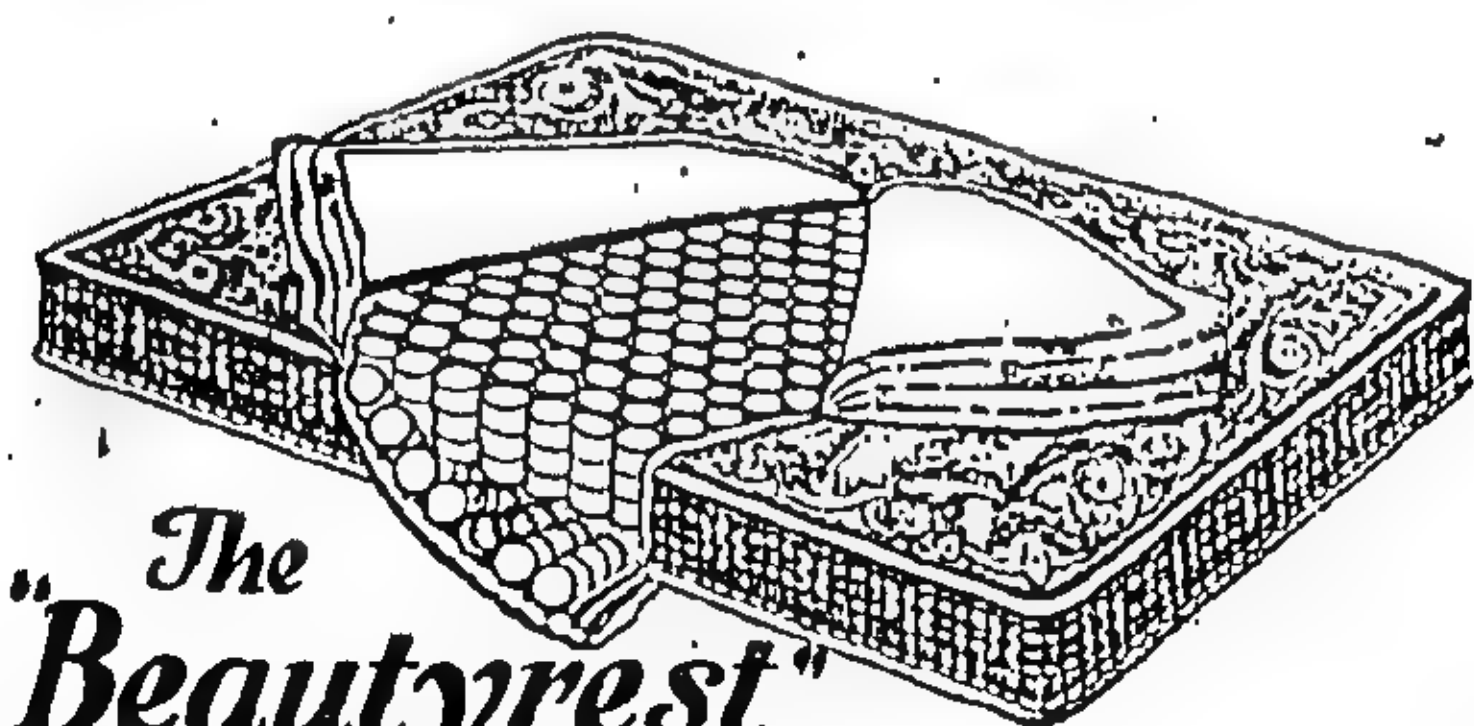
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THE COTTON INDUSTRY
PROBLEM.

The Lancashire cotton industry problem is still receiving considerable attention on the part of those who are directly concerned with its future. A many-sided issue, it is by no means easy to handle, and the opinion is growing that it ought long ago to have been tackled by a powerful body authorised by Act of Parliament to deal with it in all its aspects. Handling the problem piecemeal results in it being handled badly, for the principal reason that no section seems prepared to make sacrifices unless parallel concessions are made by the rest.

The fact is realised that the British cotton trade has permanently shrunk in dimensions, quite apart from the general world depression. It has to be remembered that cotton manufacture is, in the cheaper branches, well suited for carrying on with cheap labour and almost fool-proof machines, so that no conceivable reduction in Lancashire's costs can go far enough to win back a large part of the lost markets. The Far East, with its infinite supply of cheap labour, is bound more and more to supply its own markets, though at the moment Japan's energies may be employed on other matters. None the less, there is an obvious need for Lancashire to reorganise her methods, for unless this is done she may lose a great deal more than she already has done. Plant that has become definitely redundant and obsolete has to be scrapped; even if it were not done by collective action it would doubtless happen in the long run either by bankruptcy or obsolescence. It has been well pointed out, however, that the destruction of surplus plant will not in itself be enough to reduce costs sufficiently to secure an expanding world trade. Even the marked fall in prices which has followed the depreciation of the pound has brought with it only a relatively small stimulus to exports. The employers are trying other methods by wage reductions and "more looms per weaver," but these are not being favourably received by the workers. The elimination of surplus plant and the granting of a minimum wage must lead to the same result—the fuller employment of fewer factories and of far fewer workers. Perhaps half

of the workers in the cotton trade would in the end be completely squeezed out and compelled to seek employment elsewhere. In the long run, this is bound to happen, since the short-time system is uneconomic and will have to go. This is not to the liking of the operatives, admittedly, but, realising that wages cannot be cut further, they see that just as surplus plant must be eliminated, so must surplus workers go. The biggest problem, however, is the writing off of dead capital, the unshackling of the industry from its heavy burdens of bank debts and other standing charges. In dealing with some aspects of the industry's problems, compulsory powers are to be secured, but it would seem that whatever body is set up to deal with the issues, power should be given to deal with financial reconstruction in addition to the matter of surplus labour and wages.

The Gold Standard.

The economic pundits are now waging a great argument. Was it necessary for Great Britain to abandon the gold standard? The latest contribution appears in the Chase Economic Bulletin, by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, who says, "The collapse of the gold standard in England was absolutely unnecessary." Arguing upon the ground chosen by Dr. Anderson the statement sounds convincing. Great Britain has been addicted to a cheap money policy—to a low interest rate—ever since it returned to the gold standard in 1925. According to the rules under which the gold standard operates, this was a mistake. A dear money policy was indicated as the only possible method of protecting existing gold supplies and of attracting new supplies. But to say that before Great Britain left the gold standard its bank rate should have been 9 per cent. instead of 4½ per cent. is totally to ignore the peculiar crisis which Great Britain underwent long before the larger crisis enveloped the world in 1929. In 1925 Great Britain elected to anchor its currency to gold at the pre-war parity. In order to carry through this policy, it was essential to reduce sterling costs, such as those represented by labour, to the level demanded by the higher gold value. Otherwise British goods could not compete abroad. Britain's problem, in other words, was the now-familiar problem of deflation, particularly in wages. The decision to raise sterling to its pre-war gold value involved heavy sacrifices for the benefit of the holders of internal debt, who, with every twist of the deflationist screw, found the pounds owed to them by their fellowcountrymen becoming ever more valuable. This extra value had to be provided by the debtor, or business, class of the community. The chief point of the attack was wages, because wages are the chief factor in production costs. To theorists like Dr. Anderson, this may appear as it did to Adam Smith to be no problem. But economic behaviour has nowadays a habit of puncturing the economic laws propounded by the theoreticians. This was the case when wage decreases brought on the general strike of 1926. Labour, ever jealous of its living standards, which had been won after much tribulation, refused to be deflated. It was so afraid of being "squeezed" that it ignored the fortuitous bonus it was constantly receiving by way of improvement in the buying value of the pound—conversely, of the fall in commodity prices. Between 1925 and 1930, according to the Macmillan report, wages in Great Britain rose by 8½ per cent. British industry was thus over-weighted with production costs arising out of swollen wages and fixed charges. The Bank of England tried to mitigate the burden by keeping the rates of working capital cheap. To have put up the rates to the levels mentioned by Dr. Anderson would have laid on industry a burden too crushing to be borne. Moreover, experience the last few years has shown that a high bank rate alone is not effective in maintaining the world's confidence in a country. Indeed, the high bank rate, like the high interest rate on a bond, may be looked upon as an admission that investment in that country carries with it a heavy risk. And it is doubtful, in view

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The Empress of Britain, now on a world tour, is due in Hongkong at 8 a.m. on the 11th instant.

The Empress of Asia is to leave here for Vancouver at noon on Thursday, instead of 8 p.m., as originally advertised.

It is notified that during the Chinese New Year holidays, a constant supply of water will be given in the rider main districts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Among the subjects to come before the members of the Sanitary Board to-day is one relative to the hours regulating the sale of fruit in the open markets in Hongkong and Kowloon.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$10 (Shanghai currency) as a donation to the funds of the Home from the ship's company of H.M.S. Sandwich.

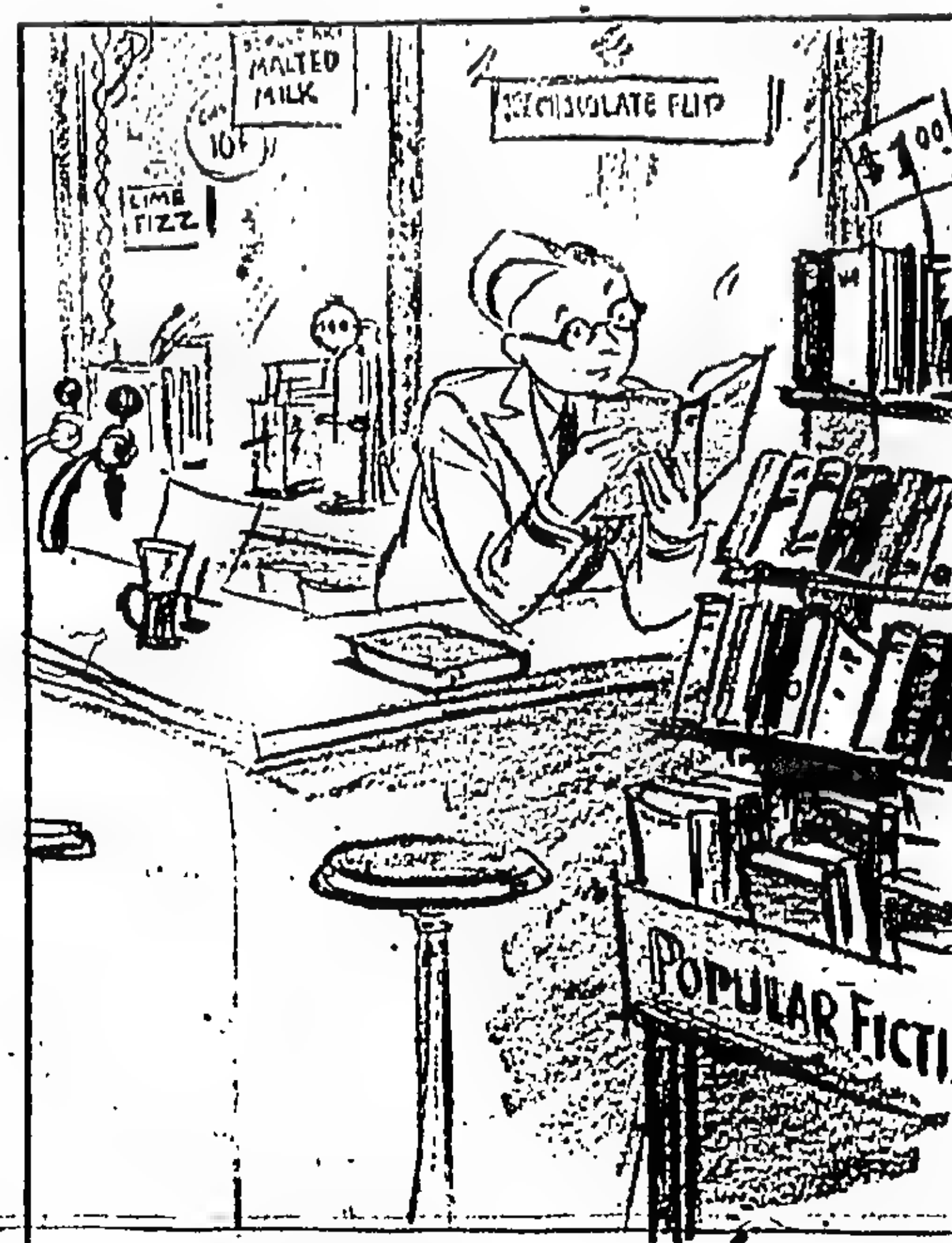
A visitor at the Nanking Boarding House, at 89, Connaught Road Central, was yesterday removed to hospital after he had taken a large dose of Adalin, apparently with the intention of committing suicide.

The Bishop of Victoria on February 1, lectured in his private chapel, the Rev. Gilbert Alexander Hook, formerly curate of St. John's, Upper Holloway, London, to missionary work in Nanning under the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society.

Strong rumours were current in Singapore last week to the effect that His Excellency the Governor was about to relinquish office and that his successor had been appointed. According to the story which reached the Straits Times, the departure of Sir Cecil Clementi had been fixed for March 3 and the reasons for the resignation were given. On referring the matter to the Colonial Secretary's office the Journal was told "There is no truth in the report."

With a record of three previous convictions for picking pockets and simple larceny, a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing 50 cents from a youth in Belchers' Street was sentenced to six months' hard labour and placed under police supervision for two years. The defendant and the complainant were in a house at 3, Belchers' Street, where the offence occurred. The defendant was chased but managed to out-run his pursuers. On coming across a police picket, however, he slowed down and commenced to walk. The complainant, who was stopped by a detective in the picket, pointed out the defendant, who was then chased by the officer and arrested.

of the general state of European confidence, whether any last-minute action of this kind would have achieved its international object, namely, the continuance of the gold link at pre-war parity. At any rate, Britain felt that it was not worth the price.



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MY NEW BRIDGE
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I HAVE discovered a short cut to efficiency in Bridge. In the old days I used to think that if one did all the dreary things that were recommended in the text-books one would become a good player. And so I used monotonously to return my partner's lead at no trumps, play low at "second-hand" (and feel pretty low about it, too), say, "Having no hearts, partner?" whenever necessary, and all sorts of things like that.

However, it was of no use. At the end of every game, the same shrieks of abuse always rent the air. My partners stood up, hunched their shoulders, whirled their arms, spat invective at me, and rushed downstairs for fresh draughts of barley water. I have endured this for some years, and, *fen ai assee*. And so I have formulated some new rules which will prove of infinite assistance to all those players who, like myself, adore Bridge, but never quite realise what trumps really are.

The Onslaught.

Always attack. Always! I do not mean during the game, but after it. As soon as you have lost the game, you must instantly attack your partner before she can attack you. A good plan, if you are in doubt, is to fold your arms, sneer, and say in a harsh voice "Really!" She will then have a shivering suspicion that she has sat on a spade or something equally crude.

Or again, if you know that it was all your fault, you can say, "What were you doing with your diamonds?" She will probably be too depressed to remember what she was doing with her diamonds, and even if she does remember it you can always shrug your shoulders, turn to your opponents and repeat exactly what she says. This will discourage her. It is very important to discourage one's partner at an early stage in the game.

Even if she says "I hadn't got any diamonds," you need not be deterred. You can just say, in tones of icy scorn, "Quite. No diamonds!" Which ought to make her shrivel up all right, as though she had told you that her children had no underclothes.

When Playing Dummy. The one essential is speed. Never mind what you do, but do it with the utmost celerity. Of course, you can pause as long as you like before you actually play the first card. In fact, a very good plan, as soon as your partner has laid down her hand, is to stare at it for a moment with glazed eyes, and then to rise to your feet, walk slowly over to the window, and look out, tapping the glass, like Sir Gerald du Maurier when all seems to be lost at the end of Act II.

This action will terrify your partner, who will feel that there must be something extremely undesirable about the dummy which she has exposed before you.

When you return say nothing. Regard the card your opponent has played with a faint sneer. And then, without warning, leap upon it. Play with tremendous speed. Do not arrange your tricks (should you be lucky enough

to get any) in a neat pile. Solve them with claw-like fingers, and jumble them together. Breathe very heavily all the time. Look as little as possible at the cards, and as much as possible at your partner. If, after all this, she still has the effrontery to tell you that you lost the game, you can inform her that she ought not to be wasting her time playing Bridge. She ought to be a policewoman, or somebody who chops down trees in Australia.

If by some strange chance you are asked to play a second rubber you will, of course, be required, at some period in this rubber, to shuffle. Now please remember this. Always *Hum When Shuffling*. It does not matter what you hum, though personally I have always found "Annie Laurie" very effective. (Annie Laurie, you may remember, was the girl who revoked once too often.) The main point about humming while you shuffle is that it demoralises your opponents. They will think that you know something they don't know. They will leap to the conclusion that you have a card up your sleeve. If you hum while you shuffle... (pardon me, these cards are so slippery)... you will gain a great advantage, which will cost you nothing.

Auction is Antiquated.

I am assuming, naturally, that you play Contract Bridge. If anybody of exceptional antiquity or dullness suggests that you should play Auction, lift the left nostril, curl the upper lip, and say "Auction?" In these days? Perhaps you would prefer to play *loo*? (It sounds divinely idiotic. As though one bounced up and down on baby chairs and said "loolooloo... loo... loo!")

Or if you want to use subtler methods, open your eyes very wide indeed and say "Auction? How thrilling! Is that something new? Do tell us about it? Too amusing." This attitude will cause the auction-playing offender to turn a sickly green and to change the conversation. Also, since she will be forced to play Contract without understanding how to score, you will reap a great advantage, unless you have foolish moral scruples.

Our Sporting
Prodigies.

By W. F. SANDERSON.

THERE has never been an age like the present when youth—in fact, children—have been so prominent in sport. On Thursday a small boy from Newcastle on Tyne, aged only 10, played in the final of the Boys' Championship. He lost to another boy of 15 years, without a doubt we have two boys here who may rise to the greatest heights in the world of billiards. At ten years of age the small boy, who often had to use the long rest across the table, knows and can execute every shot to billiards. That is a gift.

Not so long ago I watched a girl of 11 years skating in an international trial—she is to go to America as a member of Britain's team.

In the last four months I have seen children engaged in golf, tennis, swimming, football and boxing. In every case I have heard the same story: "Here is a hope for Britain in the future," and it is a fact that in all these games I have seen children technically perfect.

All this is good for British sport of to-morrow, but all these amazing children were similar in one respect—they all "lacked" the slightest sign of nervousness, they all had the mental poise of seasoned, experienced players of games; they all had the same cold, stony mental indifference to anything but the game—and I wonder if it is good.

No Childish Graces.

Look at the small boy in the billiards championship. When he played his semi-final there were hundreds of people looking on, he had never played in front of an audience before, yet he did not seem them. There was never one childish gesture. At Stoke Poges during the girls' golf championship I saw a child of 14, three down at the twelfth, needing a 20ft. putt to win the hole. There were 300 people crowding round the green. There she was, on one knee, studying the line of the putt, utterly indifferent to the crowd. She holed the putt. As I watched that child on her knee I saw her face. She was no (Continued on Page 7.)

THE SHANGHAI IMBROGLIO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Twenty-four additional Japanese planes arrived in Shanghai yesterday and another forty-six are expected to-day. The total will then be 130.

JAPANESE ARMY DIVISION FOR SHANGHAI.

Tokyo, Feb. 2.
An important military conference was held late last night attended by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for War and the Navy Minister. It was tentatively decided to dispatch one army division to Shanghai to replace the blue-jackets. The decision is subject to the approval of the Cabinet at its meeting to-day.

A Japanese division consists of two brigades of infantry, a regiment each of cavalry and artillery, and a battalion each of engineers and Army Service Corps.

Paris, Feb. 1.

A battalion of infantry from Tongking has been ordered to Shanghai to strengthen the defences of the French Concession.—*Reuter*.

Reuter's New York correspondent reports an announcement, on behalf of leading Wall Street bankers, that neither China nor Japan will be able to obtain loans from New York or London for the purpose of financing a war.

BRITISH ANXIETY.

ACTIVITY AT NO. 10.

London, Feb. 1.
In the capitals of all countries with interests in the International Settlement, the situation in Shanghai has been anxiously examined during the day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, devoted the greater part of the day to consultations with Ministers and others on the situation.

During the morning he conferred with Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, and this afternoon Lord Halifax, the Secretary for War and Field Marshal Sir George Milne, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, visited No. 10, Downing Street. *British Wireless*.

LEAGUE INQUIRY IN SHANGHAI.

AMERICA'S CURIOUS ATTITUDE.

Geneva, Feb. 1.
The United States Government have declined to participate officially in the League Inquiry into the Shanghai outbreak, though they are prepared to co-operate with the work of the Commission to a certain extent.

The American reply to Sir Eric Drummond's request was presented to the Secretary-General by Mr. Protheroe Gilbert this morning. The reply says that while agreeing to work with the Commission of Inquiry at Shanghai, the Government cannot accept membership of the Commission as the Council's decision regarding its appointment was not unanimous. The American Consul-General will, however, be instructed to furnish Sir Eric Drummond with all the materials at his disposal. *Reuter*.

JAPANESE ACTION IN CANTON.

CHINESE REPORT "SECOND THOUGHTS."

It is reported from Chinese sources that the Japanese Consul-General in Canton yesterday interviewed the Mayor (Mr. T. K. Ching) regarding the protest and demands lodged by the Consul-General a few days ago, concerning articles in the *Canton Gazette* and the *Kung Wo Po*.

It is stated the Consul-General agreed to withdraw the demands and to telegraphically request that the intended despatch of Japanese warships to Canton be cancelled. He also asked the Mayor to notify the public not to misunderstand the situation.

The Mayor enquired regarding the number of Japanese residents in Canton and was informed that there are none in Canton City and only a few in Shamcen.

In regard to the Swatow situation, he said that there had been a misunderstanding and did not anticipate that any further trouble would occur. He is reported to have indicated that the Japanese demands in Swatow would be withdrawn.

JAPAN COMPLAINS TO LEAGUE.

CHINA STRENGTHENING DEFENCES.

Geneva, Feb. 1.

Mr. Sato, the Japanese Ambassador in Belgium, and representative of Japan on the League Council, has communicated a telegram to the League accusing the Chinese of violating the

armistice in Shanghai by a "treacherous attack" which compelled the Japanese to retire.

Mr. Sato draws the attention of the League to China's "provocative measures" such as the despatch of forty aeroplanes from Chinchow.

"We are determined to act with the Powers. Our authorities are in close contact with other consular and military authorities. We have no political ambitions in Shanghai and have no intention of injuring the rights and interests of the Powers." *Reuter*.

LYTTON INQUIRY.

NOT TRAVELLING VIA SIBERIA.

London, Feb. 1.
The Earl of Lytton, the British Representative and Chairman of the League of Nations Commission appointed to investigate the Sino-Japanese dispute in Manchuria, will sail for New York from Le Havre on Wednesday, together with the other four members of the Commission. *British Wireless*.

OPIUM INSIDE BRICKS.

SMUGGLERS' LATEST

Further evidence of the ingenious methods adopted by opium smugglers was forthcoming before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, when a man was charged with being in possession of 112 tins of raw opium.

Revenue Officer Ward told the Court that the defendant arrived from Canton by the night boat and was seen leaving the wharf carrying two baskets, in each of which was a large cement brick and tools. The bricks were not as heavy as they appeared to be, and, when broken, the opium was found inside contained in two tin boxes.

The defendant was fined \$3,000 or nine months' hard labour in default, the opium, tools and baskets being confiscated.

UTTER ROUT FOR SOUTHPORT.

COLLAPSE IN F.A. CUP REPLAY.

London, Feb. 1.
After two splendid displays against Newcastle in the F.A. Cup Competition, Southport collapsed in the second replay to-day, suffering defeat by nine clean goals. The match was played at Sheffield.

Stoke City defeated Sunderland by two goals to one at their third meeting.

In the next round, to be played on Saturday week, Newcastle are at home to Leicester and Stoke pay a visit to Bury.

In a First Division league match to-day, West Ham shared points with Huddersfield Town. The final score was 1-1.—*Reuter*.

An Indian watchman, named Asar Singh, was drowned in the harbour yesterday, his body being later recovered near the S.S. *Venezia*, aboard which he had been employed.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central N.W. of Hokkaido, travelling east. Another is forming over N.E. China. The local forecast is—N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

MOTOR MISHAP SEQUEL.

DRIVER TO PAY \$49 DAMAGES.

Damage to the extent of \$49 was caused to the wall on the lower road at Repulse Bay by a motor car, No. 417 on January 24, and as a sequel, the driver of the car was summoned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning for failing to report the mishap.

Sergeant D. Clark stated that a European at Repulse Bay had informed him of the accident and, on going to the scene, he saw the damage. He saw the defendant there and questioned him, but he denied responsibility. From enquiries made, the officer ascertained that somebody other than the defendant had actually been driving, but the following day the defendant, on instructions, went to the Traffic Office and there admitted that he had caused the accident. His Worship remarked that the defendant did not have much opportunity to report the accident, as the sergeant was on the scene immediately afterwards.

The officer agreed, but pointed out that the defendant had denied that he had been responsible for the mishap.

On the actual summons his Worship registered a caution, but ordered the defendant to pay \$49 damages to the Government.

Inspector Alexander informed his Worship that there had been several instances of damage to walls and roads being caused and the Government had been put to considerable expense in carrying out repairs.

SNATCHER ROBS AN AMAN.

PRISON SENTENCE AND BIRCHING.

An amah in the employ of Mrs. Ashley, of the Peak Hotel, was the victim of a snatching incident in the Wan-chai district late last night when a man grabbed her handbag containing \$150. The man was chased by a constable on duty and arrested.

On being brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, the thief was sentenced to three months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the birch, his Worship remarking that he could not see how he could give a lighter sentence, as this sort of thing was very serious in Hongkong.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy informed his Worship that the amah went to Wan-chai last night and there met a friend with whom she went shopping in the Central District. The couple returned to Wan-chai at about 11 p.m. and in Percival Street they separated. The defendant came up behind the complainant and snatched her handbag, which she was carrying under her arm. The alarm was raised and a constable on duty arrested the defendant.

In reply to his Worship, defendant said he had no work to do and had not had a meal for two days. He had snatched the handbag in a moment of temptation.

SILVER AGAIN RISES.

HONGKONG DOLLAR ADVANCES.

With silver having jumped 11/16ths in London and half a point in New York, the Hongkong dollar rose a further farthing this morning, the demand rate being 1s. 5-5/16d.

Both in Hongkong and Shanghai, however, rates are nominal, and no business is passing.

The London rise in silver is chiefly due to scarcity of sellers, but after the official fixing the market ruled weaker, due to America selling.

The Shanghai situation is responsible for the absence of business.

OUR SPORTING PRODIGES.

(Continued from Page 6.)

longer a child of 14—she was a grown woman.

At Wimbledon I saw youngsters playing tennis the same way, perfect in the game of lawn tennis, children only in years.

Success in sport is my delight. I want to see some of the "lost glories of British sport" come back, some of the honours we have allowed to go abroad. But if the remaining of those honours brings in its train children who are children only in actual years and who, in fact, lack every childish instinct, I wonder if it is worth while.

BRICKLAYERS AS ROBBERS.

CONTRACTORS' OFFICE RAIDED.

Five men were concerned in an armed robbery at 357, Laichikok Road, the offices of the Hop Yick firm of contractors; last night.

Shortly before closing time, a man made his way up to the cook-loft where Wong Yuen, the managing partner, was working at a desk in company with the accountant and other folks. He was writing out a cheque when interrupted. Following closely on the heels of the first man were four other robbers.

A packet of pepper was thrown into the faces of the assembled folks, while the managing partner and the accountant were forced to hand over their personal effects. The latter had over \$170 which was surrendered to the robbers. On leaving the place, the robbers parted company, but three of them were observed escaping up Laichikok Road. They are believed to be bricklayers engaged in "raising the wind" in anticipation of heavy expenditure over the China New Year festival.

H. K. WHOLESALE PRICES.

DOUBLE PRE-WAR FIGURE.

As measured at the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department, wholesale prices in Hongkong during the year 1931 showed an increase of 29.8 per cent, as compared with the year 1924, 36.6 per cent, as compared with the base period of 1922, and an average index figure slightly more than double that of the year 1913.

The average for all articles rose from 139.8 in the first quarter of 1931 to 140.4 in the second quarter, declining to 133.2 and 132.7 respectively in the third and last quarters of the year.

THE BIBLE UNION OF CHINA.

LOCAL BRANCH INAUGURATED BY DR. CLIFT.

Speaking at a meeting held last night at 246, Nathan Road, inaugurating the Hongkong Branch of the Bible Union of China, Dr. H. Lechmere Clift, Corresponding Secretary to Kwangtung and Hongkong, stated, in part:

Several years ago an Association was formed, among missionaries in China, to preserve the Old Faith and to take a stand on the full inspiration of Holy Scripture. The object of the meeting this evening is to start a Branch of this Union in Hongkong.

Jesus said: "No man putteth new wine into old bottles" (St. Luke V, 37). This was an illustration of a Divine principle. We could not expect the truth of the Holy Spirit therefore to be enshrined in heathen myth, or mixed up with unreliable history; as the Psalmist says (CXIX, 160): "The sum of Thy Word is Truth". We do not believe the Bible to be partly inspired and partly untrue.

In the same way God never mends the "old man" of sin. He makes him a new creation before pouring in His Holy Spirit. Criticism Not New.

Biblical criticism is not new. Two thousand years ago the Sadducees accepted the book of Moses but rejected those of the Prophets. This method led them inevitably to a limiting of Revelation, and they ended by denying the possibility of a Resurrection of the body.

Jesus said that even the limited Scriptures which they accepted disproved their theories; and he declared that their unbelief was the result of ignorance of the Word of God and doubts of His Power (St. Mark XII, 18-27).

Our Lord accepted all the Old Testament Scriptures. He quoted on one occasion the book of Deuteronomy three times when confronted by the Tempter (St. Matt. IV, 1-10). He said that if men would not hear Moses and the Prophet (i.e. the Old Testament Scriptures), "neither would they be persuaded if one rose from the dead" (St. Luke XVI, 31).

St. Peter says (in St. Peter III, 15-16) that St. Paul was inspired in all his Epistles; and that it was ignorance which made men cavil at these "and the other Scriptures."

The Bible Union of China is not a Society to attack others, but to bind together all Evangelists, Christians who "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the Saints" (St. Jude, 8).

There was a very satisfactory attendance at the meeting, including the Rev. Mr. W. Stott, from Nanning, who spoke of the work of the Union in Kwangsi.

The organizers look forward to a long period of useful activity, and are gratified by the support received and the addition of new members of the Union.

RADIO BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.
5.00-5.00 p.m. European Programme.

5.00-5.00 p.m. (approx.). Relay of programme on the occasion of the Opening of the West Wing of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon by His Excellency, the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., by courtesy of the Committee.

5.00-5.35 p.m. Concert Items.

Orchestral Warblings at Eve (Richards).

Orchestral Dance of the Toy Regiment (Green-Shikret).

Victor Salon Orch.: 19849.

Song-Robin Adair (Keppel).

Song-The Last Rose of Summer (Moore).

Frances Alda (Soprano). 1188.

Piano Solo-Marcus (Novin).

Piano Solo-Rustle of Spring (Sinding).

Hans Barth. 20121.

Song-The Sweetest Call (Troon-Morrow).

Song-Moonlight and Roses (Black-Moret).

John McCormack (Tenor). 1092.

Instrumental Trio-Happy Days (Strelsky).

Instrumental Trio-Herd Girl's Dream (Lalitzky).

Neapolitan Trio. 10872.

6.35-6.56 p.m. Band Selections.

On the Go (Goldman).

On the Campus (Goldman).

The Goldman Band. 10763.

Electric March (Cretore).

American Army March (Jassell).

Cretore's Band. 10844.

Hail to the Orange and Onoko.

Vow Wow (Green-Hill).

Illinois Loyalty March (Guld).

University of Illinois Military Band. 19856.

7.00 p.m. (Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.).

6.56-7.45 p.m. Variety.

Vocal Duet-Keep Your Skirts Down.

Mary Ann.

Vocal Duet-If I Had a Girl Like You.

Aileen Stanley and Billy Murray. 19709.

Organ Solo-Dinah.

Jesse Crawford. 20000.

Humorous Song-We Goin' from the Cottonfield.

Humorous Song-The Parlor is a Pleasant Place to Sit in Sunday Night.

Frank Crumit. 19777.

Piano-Accordion Solo-Italian-Spanish Favourites.

Marlo Perry. 20249.

Male Quartet-Tell Mother I'll be There.

Mixed Quartet-Sometime We'll Understand.

Trinity Quartet. 19877.

Song-Nightingale Song.

Della Baker (Soprano).

Vocal Duet-Listen to the Mocking Bird.

Alice Green and Raymond Dixon. 19889.

Organ Solo-Sleepy Time Gal.

Jesse Crawford. 19000.

Chorus-Just Around the Corner.

The Revelers.

Song-Behind the Clouds.

Gene Austin (Tenor). 19968.

7.45-8.00 p.m. Operatic.

Song-Thais-Love Has Long Been a Rare Virtue (Massenet).

Maria Jeritta (Soprano). 1214.

Chorus-Trovatore-Avil Chorus (Verdi).

Victor Mixed Chorus.

Chorus-Tannhauser-Pilgrim's Chorus (Wagner).

Victor Male Chorus. 20127.

Song-Rigoletto-Mid the Fair Throng (Verdi).

Enrico Caruso (Tenor). 500.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.33 p.m. Close Down.

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The amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account, after transferring \$50,000.00 to Reserve Fund, \$10,000.00 to Contingency Account, allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees, and Depreciation, including \$32,836.99 brought forward, is \$481,576.87 which, with the approval of shareholders, it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—To pay a Dividend of \$2.00 per share, \$160,000.00; to pay a Bonus of \$3.00 per share, \$240,000.00; to carry forward, \$81,576.87.

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BRADMAN'S 299!

CARRIES HIS BAT IN TEST MATCH.

Adelaide, Feb. 1.
Continuing to bat to-day, in the
fourth Test match, Australia compiled
513, Bradman contributing a magni-
ficent 200 and being not out at the
close—just one run short of 300!

The South Africans had compiled 124
for two wickets when stumps were
drawn. Scores:

South Africa.—1st. Innings.
S. H. Curnow, c Ponsford, b
Grimmett 20
B. Mitchell, c and b McCabe 75
J. A. J. Christy, b O'Reilly 7
H. W. Taylor, c Rigg, b Grimmett 78
H. B. Cameron, lb.w., b Grimmett 52
P. B. Morkel, c and b Grimmett 0
K. C. Viljoen, c and b Grimmett 0
C. L. Vincent, lb.w., O'Reilly 48
Q. McMillan, b Grimmett 10
N. A. Quinn, c Ponsford, b Grimmett 1
A. J. Bell, not out 26
Extras 6
Total 303

Bowling.
S. J. McCabe took one wicket for
34, W. O'Reilly two for 74, C. V.
Grimmett 7 for 110.

Australia.—1st. Innings.
W. M. Woodfull, c Morkel, b Bell 82
W. H. Ponsford, b Quinn 209
D. G. Bradman, not out 200
A. G. Kippax, run out 0
S. J. McCabe, c Vincent, b Bell 2
K. Rigg, c Taylor, b Bell 35
W. A. Oldfield, lb.w. Vincent 23
C. V. Grimmett, b Bell 21
Hunt, c Vincent, b Quinn 0
W. O'Reilly, b Bell 23
Thurlow, run out 0
Extras 23
Total 513

Bowling.
Bell took 5 wickets for 142, Quinn
2 for 114, Vincent one for 110.
South Africa.—2nd. Innings.
B. Mitchell, not out 54
S. H. Curnow, b McCabe 3
J. A. J. Christy, b Grimmett 51
H. W. Taylor, not out 11
Extras 5
Total (for 2 wks.) 124

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RECORD TENNIS ENTRY.

EIGHTY TWO IN OPEN SINGLES.

Despite expectations to the con-
trary, last year's record entry for the
Singles Tennis Championship of
Hongkong has been exceeded and on
February 16, no less than 82 players
will be taking part in the tournament.

Last year there were 80 contestants.
In the doubles event, the support is
not quite so good as in 1931, only 44
pairs taking part as compared with
49.

The draw for these two champion-
ships has now been made, and as in
previous years, the "seeding" method
has been adopted. In the singles, S.A.
Rumjahn, who has a bye in the first
round, leads the top quarter, M. W.
Lo figures in the second quarter, E.C.
Fincher in the third and T. Honda the
fourth.

In the doubles, the only pairs seed-
ed are E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman
and S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn. The
former appear at the top of the first
round and the latter who are holders
of the championship, in the lower half.

The complete drawing follows:

Open Singles.
Byes (top-half):—S.A. Rumjahn,
H. N. Chau, T. C. Monaghan, Tui
Yan-pui, L. T. Ride, A. H. Harkins,
A. V. Gosano, Yew Man-Kit, H. N.
Lee, Lu Tak-cheuk, J. A. Casambhoy,
E. T. E. Nash, E. W. Ralston, M. K.
Lo, J. Machum, S. E. Green, M. W.
Lo, Firdos Khan, Y. V. Segalen, Lu
Tak-lam, A. H. Rumjahn, H. Y. Ho,
Chu Chun-chiu.

First Round:—R. Choa v Wong
Fuk-nam; Luk Chan-cheung v P. R.
S. Walsham; R. W. Wood v H. Lo;
W. Wirth v C. L. Chin; J. W. Leonard
v W. J. Howard; G. W. Sewell v E. S.
Howard; A. E. P. Guest v D. S. Green;
J. J. Waite v D. Mohamed; C. C. Stark
v H. Kwok; E. C. Fincher v K. H.
Wong; J. J. Barrow v T. Hata; G. W.
A. Tufton v Lee Wai-toi; F. Grose
v P. C. Koh; Tui Wai-pui v S. A.
Gray; G. Lal v C. E. Holmes; H. D.
Rumjahn v D. D. McKay; Lee Wal-
ton v J. G. Lecky; A. L. Sullivan v
P. D. Pereira.

Byes (lower half):—G. A. White,
D. B. Evans, W. Woo, Ho Ka-lau, E.
Zimmern, R. Gremillet, T. Akiyama,
T. Honda, G. C. Burnett, H. Lühring,
R. R. Todd, Luk Ding-cheung, Feros
Ali, H. Owen Hughes, Sai Wai-lung,
Sze Pick, R. B. Hambly, F. A. Red-
mond, W. C. Hung, Ng Sze-cheung,
M. H. F. Waring, A. D. Humphreys,
D. M. MacDougall.

Open Doubles.

Byes (top half):—E. C. Fincher and
L. Goldman, S. O. Hill and A. H.
McBride, J. Machum and M. Kine-
shita, E. T. E. Nash and F. W. Ralston,
H. Burson and E. J. Remedios, R. M.
Henderson and T. C. Monaghan, A. J.
da Silva and E. da Sousa, G. A. White
and G. C. Burnett, T. Akiyama and
T. Honda, A. V. Gosano and C. A.
Barretto.

First Round:—Lee Wai-toi and
Lee Woon-tai v M. H. F. Waring
and C. P. F. James; F. Grose and R.
Choa v Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-Kit;
A. R. Minu and A. H. Madar v Lee
Wai-long and Luk Ding-cheung; H.
Lo and Lu Tak-cheuk v D. M. Mac-
Dougall and G. W. A. Tufton; C. F.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

CRAIGENGOWER SECONDS WIN ON SUNDAY.

A friendly cricket match between
the Parsces and the Craigengower
Cricket Club seconds was played at the
latter's ground on Sunday last and
resulted in a win for the Craigengower
by 24 runs. Scores:

Craigengower.
E. C. Barry, b Patell 10
J. Hunt, b Patell 18
F. A. Dornley, b Innes 17
W. McBride, b Patell 9
E. Souza, b Patell 7
G. Gunn, run out 4
Ladd, b Patell 4
C. E. F. Sayer, not out 7
Y. Abbas, c Patell, b Innes 27
F. Broadbridge, b Innes 3
T. Dyer, b Patell 10
Extras 8
Total 118

Parsces.
B. A. Kerawalla, c Hunt, b Abbas 28
A. D. Tata, run out 0
N. N. Hejranje, b Dornley 21
R. Pestonjee, c Gunn, b Hunt 10
G. L. Innes, c Gunn, b Souza 10
J. J. Patell, c Gunn, b Dornley 23
S. B. Tata, b Dornley 5
N. Randella, b Souza 6
F. B. Tata, b Souza 0
J. P. Cooper, not out 1
Total 94

Hyde and M. W. Turner v A. V.
Remedios and L. A. Bibeiro; Sai Wal-
pui and F. H. Kwok v Tui Wai-pui
and Tui Yan-pui; G. W. Sewell and
L. Wright v Wong Fuk-nam and Ho
Hin-yun; H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v
Wong Shu-wing and Chan Kam-moon;
G. A. Norenha and L. A. da Rocha v
Lu Tak-lam and Luk Chan-cheung; J.
G. Lecky and J. J. Waite v J. W.
Leonard and J. A. Casambhoy; S. A.
Gray and W. Wirth v E. and F. R.
Zimmern; R. Hancock and F. A. Red-
mond v Chul Chan-chul and W. C.
Hung.

Byes (lower half):—R. B. Hambly
and A. E. Collins; D. B. Evans and
G. E. R. Divett; M. W. and M. K.
Lo v H. N. Lee and Y. F. Chow; R.
W. Amery and J. Sloan, L. T. Ride
and A. L. Sullivan, S. E. and D. S.
Green, W. M. Barton and A. C. I.
Bowker, Y. V. Segalen and P. R. S.
Walsham, O. E. C. Marton and H.
Owen Hughes.

Club Championship.

Byes (top half):—S. E. Green, A.
C. I. Bowker, C. C. Stark, A. B.
Raworth, R. M. Henderson, L. T.
Ride, D. S. Green, H. Owen Hughes,
L. Goldman, C. F. Hyde, J. A. Law-
son, C. E. Holmes.

First Round:—F. A. Redmond v A.
H. McBride; L. Forster v L. M. S.
Lloyd; A. D. Humphreys v W. M.
Barton; V. R. Gordon v D. B. Evans;
A. L. Sullivan v J. G. Lecky; D. J.
Valentine v T. C. Monaghan; D. D.
McKay v A. H. Harkins.

Byes (lower half):—S. O. Hill, G.
W. A. Tufton, M. H. F. Waring, H.
J. S. Seui, J. J. Waite, G. W. Sewell,
D. M. MacDougall, P. H. S. Walsham,
R. M. Wood, E. F. E. Nash, Y. V.
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GEMS OF PERIL.

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You can actually see them from out here sometimes. The breeze has gone down, too, and that's always a sign. And the barometer's dropping. Don't believe it will be much of a blow coming from that direction, though. I sure wouldn't want to see much wind, with us stuck up here on this reef like this.

"How are you coming on that radio?" the other asked crossly, as if making the youth beside him directly responsible for it.

But the sailor continued cheerful. "Sparks told me there wasn't a chance to get it working. Somebody's jammed it proper. He thinks we'll just have to stick it out here until some fishing party comes along or the patrol comes around to check up on the light. Captain said we'd wait another day and then if no one showed up he'd send a couple of men along the keys in the dinghy."

"You mean you could make it to Key West—90 miles—in that?" De Loma pointed down at the small tethered rowboat bumping awkwardly about beneath the stern.

"Sure. If the weather held good. When you get tired of rowing you could just beach her on a key and take a rest. They're only a few miles apart. And further in you'd be bound to pick up a fishing party that would take you on in to get help."

"Why hasn't some one tried that before this?" De Loma demanded. "We've been out on this reef in this damned sun for four days."

"Well, you see, this is the only good boat. That cackled up there (Mary held her breath as they turned to look up at the lifeboat behind which she was crouched) isn't any good—that is, for much of a row. And we'd have to take the only two pairs of oars we have. If a storm could come up and the party and to get over to Ford's Island it would be a ticklish business in the tub."

Crouched under the boat, she had been too intent on the conversation to notice the little black cloud of which the sailor had spoken, which had grown until it covered half the western sky. An occasional spurt of wind ruffled the sea, which otherwise lay glassy quiet under the moon.

The two men apparently became conscious of the approaching storm at almost the same moment. "See? What did I tell you!" the sailor pointed. "Here she comes. It won't be a bad one because you can see the edge of it there along the horizon, but it will be plenty damp while it lasts. Better get under cover, sir. I've got to get my oilskins."

The fly stood where he was after the other had gone, staring at the rolling-up mass of cloud. Suddenly he snapped his fingers, straightened with sudden decision and she saw him take something from his pocket. There was a sharp click, then he melted along the deck in the same noiseless way he had come.

A wisp of stray cloud flying ahead of the storm blotted out the moon just then. Mary scrambled from her hiding place and ran back along the edge of the deck. There was no light enough to see that the deck below her was deserted.

What ought she to do? Rouse Bates? Was it really the click of a cartridge chamber she had heard, or might it have been the snapping shut of a cigarette case? Hardly that—for the only other smoker on board was Bates, and that young man would have swallowed his available supply of tobacco rather than share it with the fly.

While she hesitated the first

A NEW ARRIVAL.

DUTCH VESSEL'S FIRST VISIT.

A new arrival in port yesterday was the Dutch vessel Abbecker, which arrived from Sabang, under the command of Captain Fries. She carried a general cargo of 1,900 tons for Hongkong, and 6,150 tons of through cargo.

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drops of rain hit her and before she could move the storm broke. The wind lashed at her, clinging skirts which were soaked in a moment. She fled down the gangway to the comparative shelter of the lower deck. Breathless, she leaned against the bulkhead and pushed the wet hair out of her eyes.

The "Gypsy" was stirring uneasily on the reef as the sea and wind pushed and tugged at her. As Mary felt her way along she passed Mr. Jupiter's window. His snore sounded even above the storm, but what was that other sound? Like someone stumbling against a chair.

The fly was in there. She knew it. She could feel his presence. In the darkness of the room he must be able to see her head silhouetted against the opening. She turned and ran blindly back along the deck. She must get someone. Where was Bates' room? She had never thought to find out and now she wanted to know so desperately.

Bruce. She turned and pushed open his door. "Bruce! Bruce! Get up! Someone's in your father's stateroom!" "What?" Roused suddenly from sleep, Bruce sat up so quickly he almost knocked her over.

"The fly! He's in your father's room. Quick!" She had hated Bruce, but she could have kissed him for the quickness with which he grasped the situation. Leaping from bed, he furnished an instant on the table, and was out the door. "Stay there!"

Mary was after him, though, before he could take half a dozen strides. As she rounded the bulkhead which hid Mr. Jupiter's door from that of Bruce she heard the heavy impact of two bodies, and two shots—so close together they seemed almost one. Something pitched headlong onto the deck at her feet. For the space of a

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breath she stood still, too frightened to move, afraid to step for fear of the unknown.

"Bruce!" she screamed suddenly, terrified by the stillness. As she started forward, a plunging form came out of the darkness, struck her and hurled her bodily aside. She was knocked off her balance, her head hit something hard and she slipped down in a dead faint. (To be Continued.)

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"We want to pay some small tribute to Mrs. McLeod's service to this Church: her work in the choir was magnificent. She loved to sing in this Church and help us in the singing: this choir holds for us most sacred memories which should serve to lead us to the highest. The Sunday Evening Social Hour and all social events of the Church were also greatly served. She enjoyed helping and befriending servicemen in the Service Club. Whenever occasion arose she helped in the Cathedral choir, co-operating in any way she could to serve the community. She will be greatly missed in her home, where she was so devotedly loved, and also in this Church and in the community.

"Do you realize what we owe to such as these, and to the Church which nurtures them? The sympathy of the Church is extended to the family: we will not cease to pray that they may know the reality of the Divine companionship."

OBITUARY.

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The death occurred early yesterday morning of Mr. S. E. da Luz, a very old resident, who had been a member of the Staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for 30 years. He is survived by seven sons and five daughters and 30 grand-children.

The funeral yesterday evening was attended by a number of relatives and friends, among those present being Messrs. J. S. M. Alves, F. M. Green, V. E. Soares, A. F. Osborne, J. Baptista, A. A. Alves, V. C. Rocha, D. Gosano, A. V. Barros and many others.

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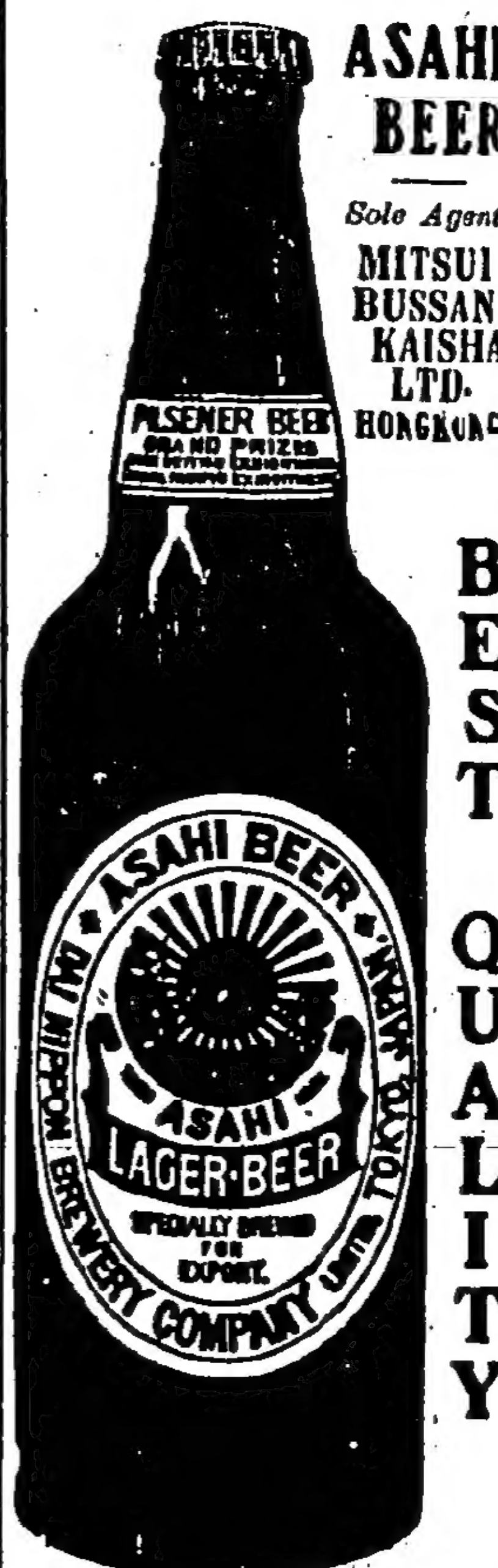
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INDIAN CASE RESUMED
THIS MORNING.

ARGUMENT FIRST.

After being adjourned—last Thursday, the action between Indian parties concerning money allegedly due was resumed before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff, Rattanahand Jerandah, of China Building, is suing Pritamas Hasmatral Vasmul and Utomal Thadul, No. 25, Wyndham Street, claiming accounts and enquiries, payment of the amount found due to plaintiff, other and further relief and costs.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. Leo D. Almada, Junior, is for plaintiff while Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K. C., is for defendants.

After argument from both sides on the point his Lordship held that it was incumbent on Mr. Jenkin to begin.

In opening his case, Mr. Jenkin said that plaintiff, whose real surname was Kaswani, traded as Kaswani and Company as a silk merchant. Towards the end of 1928 the defendants were carrying on business under the name of Jhurai and Company, also silk merchants, in Wyndham Street.

Advance of \$4,000.

Being in need of money, they approached plaintiff and he made them an advance of \$4,000 on terms incorporated in an agreement. Under that agreement, in consideration of the money advanced, plaintiff was entitled to four things:—(1) Twenty per cent. of the net profits of the business, (2) interest at six per cent. on his money per annum, (3) free access to the books of the company, and (4) to an annual statement of accounts of the business.

Counsel continued, that defendants found they required further money and plaintiff, during the next five months, advanced a further \$10,000, making \$14,000 in all in the first half-year of 1929.

In October, 1929, plaintiff contemplated going on a long business tour and defendants suggested it might be to their mutual advantage to amalgamate their business with that of plaintiff; that the existing agreement between them should be cancelled, and that a new agreement governing the relationship of the two firms should be drawn up. A draft of a new agreement was drawn up, but it was not signed by the time plaintiff left Hongkong on February 2, 1930.

No Profits Paid.

Shortly before he left, the advances he had made were repaid but neither interest nor his share of the profits were paid, as the

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Last week's health return shows eight cases of diphtheria, with five deaths; four of small-pox (one fatal), four of cerebro-spinal fever (three fatal), three of typhoid (two fatal) and one fatal case of puerperal fever. There were also 56 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

books had not been made up, and it was left over as a matter of convenience, it being agreed that the amounts found due should be credited to plaintiff's account while he was away.

Plaintiff returned in July, 1930, and then asked for payment of his interest and profits, but he was put off with the excuse that the books had not been made up. Later, the action was started.

Mr. Jenkin explained that a sum of money had been paid into Court for interest, but nothing had been paid in with regard to profits.

When Mr. Jenkin was going to call evidence, Mr. Potter said he would submit that there was no case to answer, either on the pleadings or on the opening.

It was decided to hear the argument before calling evidence, and the case is proceeding.

FORTUNE TELLER CONVICTED.

"PLANTING THE SILVER
TREE."

WOMAN DUPED.

A "planting the silver tree" case came to a conclusion at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning when Tsai Kwong-kwong, a fortune-teller, was convicted and sentenced to two months' hard labour with the option of a fine of \$200.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the defence.

It was alleged by the prosecution that on December 2, 1931, in his house in Reclamation Street, the defendant obtained \$150 in notes from the complainant, Tsai Wah-yan, put them in a pot, covered the pot with red paper, and told her to return in two days when, if fortune favoured her, she would find the seed had grown to \$5,000 or \$7,000.

On December 4, she returned, to find the fate averse, and her money gone. In the meantime, her husband had discovered that she had misapplied money he had given her for household purposes, and subsequently she had the defendant arrested.

In his summing-up, his Worship said the evidence for the prosecution showed that defendant told complainant's fortune on November 27, at his stall, invited her and her sister to his house for a further sitting, and, on November 28, suggested planting the silver tree for the complainant. Thereafter, complainant and her sister attended daily at defendant's house till December 2 when the "tree" was planted. Returning on December 4, complainant realised that she had been duped and accused defendant of tricking her.

His Worship remarked that there was no doubt the defendant had taken advantage of the credulity of the complainant in obtaining the \$150.

It was unfortunate, his Worship went on, that witnesses for both sides had lied, but this did not make any difference, to the case for the prosecution. There were weak points about the defence which were impossible to overlook.

In consideration for the length of time which defendant has been in prison, his Worship ordered the sentence to date from December 6, thus leaving defendant only a few days to serve.

Summoned for assault, a district watchman who was alleged to have struck a travelling trader because the latter refused, on a previous occasion, to lend him money, was convicted by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court to-day and cautioned. Mr. C. Y. Kwana was for the complainant, who accused the defendant of constantly annoying him.

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